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**Adshead:
'I'd make
'Roos win'**

From
Les Shorrock

New Zealand coach John Adshead vows that he would get Australia into the 1986 World Cup finals if he were given the chance.

And he says he could do the same for Canada.

He won't consider jobs at club level but would love to coach the national team of Australia or Canada.

"I'd bet my next four years' wages that I could get either country into the 24 in 1986, because both have the potential, given the right approach," he told me.

There was a lot of trouble in the New Zealand camp, between Adshead and official Charlie Dempsey.

When I talked to Adshead he said that New Zealand's newly-offered contract was "too ridiculous to consider" — even less, money-wise, than some P.S.L. coaches are getting!"

Adshead went on to say that it wasn't just the money, though. The actual job structure was such that he wouldn't think of staying. Of course he's trailing his coat for another big job while he is still in the limelight.

Kiwi Steve Wooddin will come back to Hellas next season only if he doesn't get a better job. "A lot of doors have opened in N.Z. now, and I'm considering several offers in management," he said.

Wooddin is well aware that Hellas could put him out of the game forever but doesn't seem to care much. He was a revelation in the Scotland game though.

Wooddin is going to F.C. Zurich and not Grasshoppers.

**2nd round
draw — p.2**

Zico v. Maradona: Cup is at stake

**Demands
for Cup
changes**

Heidelberg-Alexander wants its Philips Cup match against Preston Makedonia on July 14 postponed for at least a week, and APIA is demanding that its Cup match against Marconi be switched from Marconi Stadium to a neutral venue.

The argument of Heidelberg president Sam Gouloupoulos is that Heidelberg and Makedonia will have to clash twice in the same week, as they have a league match three days earlier, on the Sunday.

Gouloupoulos says quite rightly that fans will not come to two matches between the two big rivals in one week, and that one of the gates will suffer.

Either Heidelberg will lose takings on the Sunday or the league will lose money on the Wednesday, as all Cup takings are pooled.

Heidelberg similarly lost money at its league match against St George a few weeks ago, because fans were waiting for the Cup match against Hellas the previous day.

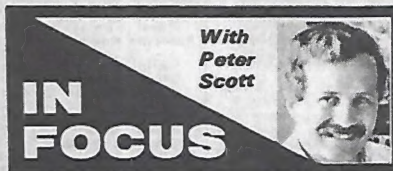
APIA also appears to be justified in demanding a neutral venue against Marconi, as the ground advantage will favor Marconi heavily. LAURIE SCHWAB

**My, how
we're
slipping**

As I sat in front of my television set almost every night since the World Cup kickoff, I couldn't escape the feeling of: "there but for the grace of Rudl and Arthur go we".

Naturally, I'm referring to the efforts of the minnows at the Mundial.

Minnows, did I say? That could apply only to hapless El Salvador after the first round;



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all the others have grown immeasurably in status.

Looking at the skilful and exciting efforts of, say, Algeria, and even the fright New Zealand gave the cocky Scots, we must draw a rather uncomfortable conclusion.

It simple is that we are not in the class of the Algerias, Kuwaits and Camerouns of this world any more.

Fooling ourselves that Aus-

tralian soccer — whether domestic or international — is constantly improving, better than ever, or any other permutation of some basic platitudes, serves no useful purpose.

The fact is that we have slipped behind not only the Europeans and South Americans but also the leading Arabs, Asians and Africans — and the gap is widening!

Godzik in, Kyri back, Johnston missing

By
Laurie Schwab

Brian Godzik is expected to make his debut for APIA on Sunday, Footscray J.U.S.T. will have Kyri Kyriakoulas and Vlatko Belic back, and Newcastle tackles Makedonia without Craig Johnston who scored a hat-trick against Brisbane Lions last week.

Johnston, the Liverpool star, is to play only one more match for Newcastle, at home against Wollongong on Saturday week.

Godzik, formerly of Celtic



Craig Johnston

and Brighton, arrived from Britain last Sunday and should play in attack for APIA against West Adelaide at Hindmarsh.

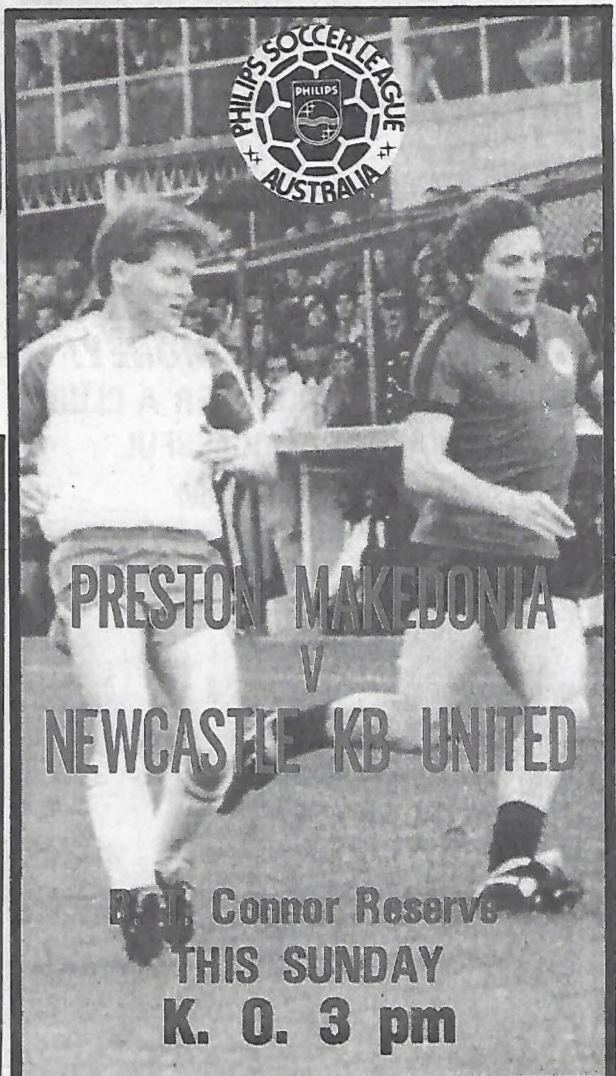
Victory is vital to both teams, as both were dumped out of the four by losses last weekend.



Kyri Kyriakoulas

West Adelaide however, will start favorite, as APIA's recent results have been extremely disappointing, even though it should have led Sydney City by more than one goal before finally succumbing 4-1.

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Algeria up in arms

WEST GERMAN 1 (Hrubesch 11th) AUSTRIA 0 in Gijon. Crowd: 40,000. Referee: Bob Valentine (Scotland).

WEST GERMANY: Toni Schuster, Manfred Kaltz, Uli Stielike, Karl-Heinz Förster, Hans-Peter Briegel, Wolfgang Dremmler, Paul Brister, Felix Magath, Pierre Littbarski, Horst Hrubesch, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge.
Substitutes: Eike Immo, Bernd Förster, Lothar Matthäus, Klaus Fischer, Uwe Reinders.
AUSTRIA: Friedl Koncilia, Bernd Krauss, Bruno Pezzey, Erich Obermayer, Josef Degeorgi, Ronald Hattenberger, Herbert Probaske, Reinhold Hintermair, Haribart Weber, Walter Schachner, Hans Krankl.
Substitutes: Klaus Lindenberger, Anton Pichler, Maximilian Hagmayr, Ernst Baumelster, Kurt Weizl.



The West German squad, from top left to right: Harald Schumacher, Eike Immo, Bernhard Dietz, Hans-Peter Briegel, Karl-Heinz Förster, Lothar Matthäus. Middle row: Kurt Niedermayer, Felix Magath, Wilfried Hannes, Manfred Kaltz, Wolfgang Dremmler, Pierre Littbarski. Bottom row: Hansi Mueller, Klaus Allofs, Horst Hrubesch, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, Karl Allgoewer, Ronald Borchers. Not in picture: Paul Breitner and Uli Stielike.

Algeria called for the disqualification of West Germany and Austria from the World Cup, accusing them of coming to an arrangement to qualify for the second round.

Alemi Sekkal, Algerian Football Federation president, whose side was eliminated on goal difference after the Germans beat Austria 1-0, said the request had been lodged with the international football federation (FIFA).

Sekkal described the match as "a scandalous and immoral act".

"We addressed a complaint to FIFA officially denouncing the agreement between the two countries," he said.

However a hurriedly convened F.I.F.A. executive meeting dismissed the protest, leaving the Germans and Aust-

rians as the qualifiers for Group Two.

West German manager Jupp Derwall rejected charges that the result had been arranged, and the country's soccer federation president Hermann Neubauer commented: "The German team had the right to play slowly and safely."

Neubauer, who is also a FIFA vice-president, said there was no FIFA regulation which could cover sanctions

for what happened in the match.

According to Derwall, Germany would have liked to continue playing as it did in the first 20 minutes and score more goals.

"But both Rummenigge and Stielike were not fully fit and we could not afford to run the risk of conceding a goal that would have meant we were out of the competition."

"Austria, who couldn't

afford to give away three goals, slowed the game down."

Austrian manager Georg Schmidt said his team had played "safely first".

Austrian substitute Anton Puichler said: "The German goal came too early. It made the game too risky and we were frightened of losing heavily."

After a header from Horst Hrubesch in the 11th minute gave West Germany the lead, neither side made any discernible effort to alter the score.

The reaction of the fans was bitter. On the terraces white handkerchiefs were waved, cries of "fix" could be heard, and one West German burned his country's flag to the cheers of the crowd.

When the Germans returned to their hotel an hour after the match, police formed a cordon to keep back an angry mob who booed and whistled as the players left their bus.

Soon after the German players had entered the hotel, water-filled plastic bags were dropped from an eighth floor window. The crowd retaliated by throwing tomatoes at some of the lower windows.

The second round

Programme or the second round:

GROUP A
July 2, Soviet Union v loser of Poland v Belgium.
July 5, Soviet Union v winner of Poland v Belgium.

GROUP B
June 30, West Germany v England.
July 3, Spain v loser of West Germany v England.

GROUP C
June 30, Argentina v Italy.
July 3, Brazil v loser of Argentina v Italy.

GROUP D
July 2, Northern Ireland v loser of Austria v France.

July 5, Northern Ireland v winner of Austria v France.

SEMI-FINALS
July 9, winner of group A v winner of group C (Nou Camp Stadium, Barcelona) kick off 1515 GMT (0115 AEST), winner group B v winners group D (Pizjuan stadium, Sevilla) kick off 1900 GMT (0500 AEST).

THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF
July 11 (Rico Perez Stadium, Alicante) kick-off 1800 GMT (0400 AEST).

FINAL
July 12 (Bernabeu Stadium, Madrid) kick-off 1800 GMT.

All Group B matches, semi-finals, third-place play-off and final are live on ABC TV.

Previous clashes

Record of previous international matches between nations paired against each other in the World Cup second round:

GROUP A
USSR v Poland: played 9, won 6, drew 0, lost 3, goals 21.
USSR v Belgium: P3, W3, goals 6:1.
Poland v Belgium: P9, W3, D3, L2, goals 15:9.

GROUP B
England v West Germany: P14, W8, D2, L4, goals 51:34.
England v Spain: P14, W9, D1, L4, goals 31:17.
West Germany v Spain: P11, W5, D3, L3, goals 15:12.

GROUP C
Argentina v Brazil: P17, W7, D2, L8, goals 118:96.
Italy v Argentina: P7, W4, D2, L1, goals 13:5.
Italy v Brazil: P8, W4, L4, goals 13:13.

GROUP D
Austria v France: P15, W8, D1, L6, goals 34:27.
Austria v Northern Ireland: never met.
France v Northern Ireland: P3, D1, goals 9:3.

Scores, ladders

GROUP ONE						GROUP FOUR						
	P	W	D	L	Fa		P	W	D	L	Fa	
Poland	3	1	2	0	5	England	3	0	0	6	16	
Italy	3	0	3	0	2	France	3	1	1	6	5	
Cameroon	3	0	3	0	1	Czech	3	0	2	1	4	
Peru	3	0	2	1	2	Kuwait	3	0	2	2	6	
Results: Italy 0 Poland 0, Cameroon 0, Italy 1 Peru 1, Poland 0 Cameroon 0, Poland 5 Peru 1, Italy 1 Cameroon 1.						Results: England 0 France 1, Czechoslovakia 1 Kuwait 1, England 2 Czechoslovakia 0, France 4 Kuwait 1, France 1 Czechoslovakia 1, England 1 Kuwait 0.						
GROUP TWO						GROUP FIVE						
	P	W	D	L	Fa		P	W	D	L	Fa	
West Germany	3	2	0	1	6	34	N. Ireland	3	1	2	0	14
Austria	3	2	0	1	3	14	Spain	3	1	1	3	3
Algeria	3	2	0	1	5	24	Yugoslavia	3	1	1	2	3
Chile	3	0	0	3	3	0	Honduras	3	0	2	1	3
Results: Algeria 2 West Germany 1, Austria 1 Chile 0, West Germany 4 Chile 1, Austria 2 Algeria 0, Algeria 3 Chile 2, West Germany 1 Austria 0.						Results: Spain 1 Honduras 1, Yugoslavia 1 Honduras 1, Northern Ireland 1, Yugoslavia 1 Honduras 0, Northern Ireland 1 Spain 0.						
GROUP THREE						GROUP SIX						
	P	W	D	L	Fa		P	W	D	L	Fa	
Belgium	3	2	1	0	3	15	Brazil	3	3	0	0	20
Argentina	3	2	0	1	6	24	S. Korea	3	1	1	1	4
Hungary	3	1	1	1	12	8	Scotland	3	1	1	1	8
El Salvador	3	0	0	3	1	3	N. Zealand	3	0	0	3	12
Results: Belgium 1 Argentina 0, Hungary 10 El Salvador 0, Argentina 4 Hungary 1, Belgium 1 El Salvador 0, Belgium 1 Hungary 1, Argentina 2 El Salvador 0.						Results: Brazil 2 USSR 1, Scotland 5 New Zealand 0, Brazil 4 Scotland 2, Brazil 4 New Zealand 0.						



The full Italian squad. Back row: Giuseppe Baresi, Giuseppe Bergoni, Alessandro Altobelli, Claudio Gentile, Ivano Bordon, Dino Zoff, Giovanni Galli, Francesco Graziani, Fulvio Collovati, Gaetano Scirea, Daniele Massaro. Seated: Giampiro Marini, Giancarlo Antognoni, Paolo Rossi, Gabriele Oriali, Bruno Conti, Marco Tardelli, Antonio Cabrini, Franco Causio, Giuseppe Dossena, Pietro Vierchowood.

Foster, Neal, Hoddle

ENGLAND 1 (Francis 27th) KUWAIT 0 in Bilbao. Crowd: 30,000. Referee: Gilberto Aristi Zabal (Colombia).

ENGLAND: Peter Shilton; Phil Neal, Steve Foster, Phil Thompson, Mick Mills; Steve Coppell, Glenn Hoddle, Ray Wilkins, Graham Rix; Paul Mariner, Trevor Francis.

KUWAIT: Ahmad Tarabulsi; Naeem Sand, Mahboub Mubarak, Waleed Al-Mubarak, Abdullah Mayoff, Yusef Al-Saywadi, Sand Al-Nouri, Abdullah Bulosani, Faisal Al-Dhaili, Fadi Khamis, Abdul Aziz Anbari.

England, already qualified for the second phase, made three changes for its last Group Four game against Kuwait.

Steve Foster, Phil Neal and Glenn Hoddle replaced Kenny Sansom, Terry Butcher and Bryan Robson.

Kuwait needed to win by five goals to squeeze France out of a place in the last 12. Its

Trevor Francis in a game that otherwise lacked lustre.

In the 27th minute there was a long clearance to Paul Mariner, who flicked the ball behind him to Francis.

The Manchester City striker raced past a defender and cracked a shot low past the Kuwaiti keeper.

England, without stretching itself, dominated the first half. Hoddle sprayed passes to his strikers and Francis was a constant threat up front.

But Hoddle faded in the second half, and with him, England.

That allowed the Kuwaitis to set up some flowing attacks, which only once reached the England keeper.

Mariner was booked in the 42nd minute, apparently for pushing Colombian referee Gilberto Aristi Zabal as he tried to get the ball.

Manager Ron Greenwood conceded that England had not won in style.

"We're not satisfied with the performance. We had so many chances from which we

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Platt sulks, Pat superb

NORTHERN IRELAND 1 (Armstrong 47th) SPAIN 9 in Valencia. Crowd: 47,500. Referee: Hector Ortiz (Paraguay).

SPAIN: Luis Arconada, Jose Cancho, Miguel Tendillo, Jose Alascano, Rafael Gordillo, Miguel Alonso, Enrique Saura, Jose Sanchez, Juanito, Jesus Setrastergui, Roberto Lopez Ufarte.

Substitutes: Urruti, Santiago Urquiza, Antonio Macena, Ricardo Gallego, Quini.

NORTHERN IRELAND: Pat Jennings, Jimmy Nicholl, Mal Donaghy, Dave McCree, Chris Nicholl, Martin O'Neill, Gerry Armstrong, Sammy McIntyre, Billy Hamilton, John McClelland, Norman Whitelade.

Substitutes: George Dunlop, Sammy Nelson, Tommy Cassidy, Tom Finney, Felix Healey.

A goal from Watford striker Gerry Armstrong put Northern Ireland into the second final round at the expense of Yugoslavia.

The last time the Irish were in a finals series they won their way into the quarter-finals. That was in Sweden in 1958.

Their shock win over host Spain in an incident-packed match was achieved with only 10 men after defender Mal Donaghy was sent off in the 61st minute.

So the Irish, quoted at over 400/1 before this series kicked off, are in with a chance of astounding the world and reaching the semi-finals.

The final Irish preparations were clouded by a row between reserve goalkeeper Jim Platt and manager Billy Bingham.

Platt, who has been limited to 15 international appearances in six years as Pat Jennings' understudy, considered he should have been given a group game here and said he would not play again in an Irish side managed by Bingham.

Amid speculation that Platt might be sent home early, the Irish Football Association held a special hour-long meeting to discuss the matter at its hotel near Valencia.

Officials said afterwards Platt had retracted his comments but added nothing further to their statement.

The Irish were again Spain was Armstrong, a big, bustling striker, who slammed home a shot from Billy Hamilton on the right flank after Spanish goalkeeper Luis Arconada had palmed it out.

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By PAUL MOON

It is the Brazilian captain's father who was responsible for his son's unusual name.

An avid reader of Greek literature, he christened the baby Socrates and thoughtfully added, in order to avoid confusion amongst future generations of historians, the title Brasileira ("Brazilian").

The birth certificate proclaims him as Socrates Brasileira Sampaio de Sousa Ferreira Oliveira, assuming of course that there was sufficient room on the document.

Born in Belem, a town situated on the Amazon in Parana state, on February 19, 1954, Socrates moved with his family to Ribeirao Preto, near Sao Paulo when only four years old.

It was here that Socrates first took an interest in the game, totalling after improvised footballs in the form of oranges or rolled up socks.

Soccer was never his first love though and even today he states that it takes third place behind medicine and his family.

The pursuit of a medical career always has been the major priority in life and Socrates refused to sign professional forms until he had graduated from Ribeirao Preto University with a degree in medicine.

Prior to this time he played for the obscure, part time club Botafogo de Ribeirao Preto (not to be confused with the famous Botafogo of Rio), only training when his studies permitted.

Though able to give only a small amount of time to football and being attached to an unfashionable outfit, Socrates quickly gained attention with his intelligence, opportunism and silky ball control.

Despite a campaign on his behalf conducted by Sao Paulo soccer journalists, the student was not included in the Brazilian squad for the 1978 World Cup finals.

It was shortly after the Mundial had been completed that Socrates, now a qualified doctor, considered himself ready to become a full time professional.

Santos, the club supported as a boy, were favor-

Mr Magic

THAT'S DOC SOCRATES

ites to obtain him, however it was Corinthians who made Botafogo the best offer.

Corinthians are Brazil's most popular side, their legions of supporters being known as the Fiel ("Faithful"). This loyalty is remarkable, particularly remembering that the club went 23 years without winning any major trophy.

The drought had been broken the season before Socrates joined their ranks and he partook in a second successive Sao Paulo Championship success.

It was the newcomer whom made the winner for Palhinha in the Taca Cidade de Sao Paulo final, ironically against Santos!

Able to concentrate fully on soccer and now surrounded by players of quality, Socrates' career flourished and it was no surprise when he was called up for the Brazilian national side.

Brazil had finished third in the World Cup. For any other nation this would have been a creditable performance, however Brazilians regarded it as a shabby effort.

It was almost a year after the tournament that a national squad again assembled and the Corinthian was included in their number.

A 6-0 victory over Paraguay was followed by the 5-1 demolition of Uruguay. Socrates scored twice during the latter game and had a hand in the three other goals. He had "arrived" on the international scene—at least in South America.

His fame spread to the old world during Brazil's

1981 tour of Europe, during which England, France and West Germany all were beaten.

By this time he was leading his country. Already chosen as players' delegate when negotiating with officials of Brazil's federation, the tall, bearded midfielder cum deep lying centre forward first wore the captain's armband during Uruguay's Gold Cup competition.

After the European tour Socrates could boast 13 goals from 27 internationals and his "strike rate" today is still just under one goal per two games. 28 were netted for Corinthians last season in domestic soccer.

Yet he does not relish playing up front, instead preferring to operate in midfield, utilising space there, creating chances for colleagues and surging forward through the centre.

Although always possessing a ferocious shot and excellent ball control, Socrates was known early in his career primarily for deft short passing with instep, outside of foot and heel.

In fact Socrates has created and scored many spectacular goals with backheels and in Brazil the phrase "Socrates' heel" is in common usage, meaning the direct opposite of Achilles' heel.

A number of prominent European clubs, notably Napoli, have tried to lure the Brazilian across the Atlantic with promises of rich reward, but he remains adamant that his future lies in Sao Paulo.

Thankfully plans for an early retirement have been shelved.

Socrates indicated on a number of occasions that he would retire after the current World Cup in order to devote himself to medicine.

Now however he is content to work in a free public clinic in his spare time, appropriately specialising in foot injuries, attend lectures and study medical journals.



Silky Brazilian midfielder Socrates is fouled by New Zealand right back Glen Dods during Brazil's 4-1 victory last week in Seville.

Sir Alf Ramsay slams England

Sir Alf Ramsay who guided England to victory in the 1966 World Cup came out with an amazing attack on the current squad in Spain.

Sir Alf said: "England haven't got the blend, the world class players or even more important, they haven't got the guts or sense of purpose to win the World Cup."

The England team was reported to be seething with resentment over Sir Alf's remarks but the F.A. said: "We are not interested in entering a slanging match with an ex-manager. We'll speak for ourselves on the field."

Paul Breitner, the West German star and only surviving member of the 1974 World Cup-winning side, recently became \$70,000 richer by having his eight-year-old beard shaved off. Breitner collected the cash from a leading shaving cream manufacturer.

Former Arsenal and Republic of Ireland star Liam Brady who has been with Juventus

for the past season has been lined up to play for Sampdoria who is also interested in Spurs' Argentinian midfielder and current World Cup player Ossie Ardiles.

Diego Maradona's price tag for his move to Barcelona has varied from \$8 million to \$10 million according to various reports. But it seems certain that he will collect a cool \$2 million himself. Maradona is the most expensive player in the world.

John McGregor the central defender of Scottish amateur side Queens Park who turned pro with Liverpool in preference to another dozen offers from top English and Scottish clubs is reported to have got a \$80,000 signing fee in lieu of the fact that Queens Park couldn't receive a transfer fee.

Brazil midfielder Dirceu who got a late call to join Tele Santana's final squad had to squish plans to commentate on the World Cup for a Brazilian TV company.

Eamonn Bannon, the star brother of Pat, Vince and Ged, was the Scottish Premier League's penalty king last season with seven converted spot-kicks. Eamonn scored a total of 12 goals for his side Dundee United.

Derek Spence who has a string of international caps for Northern Ireland and now plays with Southend is crook at



Sir Alf Ramsay

French weather late Czech storm

FRANCE 1 (Six 65th) CZECHOSLOVAKIA 1 (Panenka penalty 85th, in Val-ladolid. Crowd: 25,000.

Two spectacular clearances and the sending off of Czechoslovakia's Ladislav Vizek highlighted a cliff hanging finish to this 1-1 draw which put France through, along with England, into the second final round as the representatives of Group Four.

Czechoslovakia threw everything into a final assault, desperate for the goal that

would have put it and not France, on the brink of a place in the last 12.

But the French defence held out despite two shaky moments when it scrambled the ball off its goal-line.

The tension became almost unbearable as the minutes ticked away and Vizek was sent off following a foul on Gerard Soler two minutes from the end.

Didier Six accepted the easiest of tasks to put the French ahead in the 65th minute, tapping the ball over the line after Bernard Lacombe had squeezed a shot past goalkeeper Karol Stromsik.

The goal gave the French the confidence to play some of their best soccer

of the tournament and they often looked like going further ahead.

But it was Czechoslovakia which scored just five minutes from the end. Maxime Bossis pushed Vizek in the penalty area and Antonin Panenka slotted the ball home from the spot.

Suddenly the Czechs were aware that all was not lost and the match exploded into fast end-to-end action.

The French goal came under siege as the Czechs tried everything they knew to edge in front.

Goalkeeper Jean-Luc Ettori just pushed out one shot and Manuel Amoros headed another off the line before the referee blew the final whistle to end the torture for the French fans.



Billy Bingham omitting him from his final 22 for Spain. Spence says he wouldn't watch Northern Ireland's progress on TV but instead will follow the fortunes of England.

Sunderland who narrowly missed relegation from the first division have given three top named players free transfers. The trio leaving Roker Park are South American Claudio Marangoni who cost the club a record transfer fee two years ago, Tom Ritchie a striker who set them back \$400,000 from Bristol City 18 months ago and Ian Bowyer the former Nottingham Forest striker who was in Brian Clough's teams who won the European Cup in 1979 and 1980.

Steve Murray the former Celtic and Aberdeen defender is the new manager of Scottish second division side Montrose.

Belini who was captain of Brazil's first World Cup success in 1958 carried his country's flag at the opening ceremony.

Alan Bowyer the New Zealand World Cup player rubbed shoulders with a former Dundee United colleague, David Narey, when they played Scotland. Both, who, plays in the PSL, didn't make

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From JIM COOK our European correspondent

it with the Scottish Premier League side, but Narey is an outstanding defender and United have in the past couple of years turned down several big six-figure fees for him.

Trevor Francis the Manchester City and England striker who was Britain's first million pound transfer from Birmingham City to Nottingham Forest and then moved for another million from Brian Clough's side to John Bond's outfit, is reputed to be the highest paid player in English soccer, earning something in the region of \$400 a week plus bonuses. Francis is presently awaiting completion of his new \$200,000 home in Cheshire and drives a Mercedes Benz while his wife Helen gets around in a Jaguar XJS.

The Cameroonians turned up in Spain with a witch doctor who went shopping for flies, lizards and garlic to prepare his magic brew. First opponents Peru countered by appointing two wizards whose special talents are combatting witchcraft.

The Pope, once a soccer player, was asked whether he would watch the Italy-Poland game on TV and replied: "I think it will be better to hide while it's being played. The important thing is to know the result."



Yugoslavia's Edhem Sivjovic fires toward goal as Hector Zelazny of Honduras makes a desperate attempt to block with a sliding tackle.

Petrovic penalty downs Honduras

YUGOSLAVIA 1 (Petrovic penalty 87th) HONDURAS 0 in Zaragoza. Referee: Gaston Castro (Chile).

Yugoslav captain Vladimir Petrovic calmly ended Honduras' hopes of stunning the soccer world by advancing to the second final round when the Red

Star Belgrade midfielder struck home an 87th minute penalty.

The night match ended on a note of high emotion as Honduras players trudged weeping

from the La Romareda Stadium.

They had given a good account of themselves in their last Group Five match, but their world fell apart in the final three minutes when Jaime Villegas brought down Milos Sestic in the penalty area.

They implored Chilean referee Gaston Castro not to award a penalty, but the decision stood and Petrovic struck the winner from the spot.

The Hondurans' disappointment was acute and, as the teams walked back to the centre circle for the kick-off, Gilberto Yearwood tripped Edhem Sivjovic and was ordered off.

Three minutes later, Castro's whistle ended the Hondurans' World Cup campaign. Some of the Central American players lay prone on the pitch weeping.

Honduras was within three minutes of a third successive draw, which could still have given it a chance of survival.

But the result meant the Group Five qualifiers for the second round was not decided until the concluding match between hosts Spain and Northern Ireland in Valencia last Saturday.

Yugoslavia had demonstrated some subtle skills and often had the edge in midfield. But Honduras produced another defensive performance of quality—until that dramatic ending.



Czechoslovakia's Frantisek Stambacher (centre, No 17) about to be challenged by French star Michel Platini (left) and Bernard Lacombe. At right is Czechoslovakia's Rostislav Vojacek.

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Assad is up front so who needs Belloumi?



Algerian goalkeeper Mehdi Cerbah watches in dismay as the ball flashes into the back of his net from the penalty by Chile's Miguel Neira.

ALGERIA 3 (Assad 8th, 31st, Bensaula 35th) CHILE 2 Neira penalty 61st, Letelier 74th) in Oviedo. Crowd: 18,500. Referee: Romulo Mendez (Guatemala).

ALGERIA: Mehdi Cerbah, Chaabane Merzekane, Mahmoud Guendouz, Nouradine Kourichi, Salah Larbas, Faouzi Mansouri, Ali Fergani, Salah Assad, Abdelmajid Bourebhou, Tedj Bensaula, Rabah Madjer.
Substitutes: Oscar Wirth, Enzo Escobar, Mario Soto, Juan Carlos Letelier, Yahi, Djamel Tiemcan.
CHILE: Mario Osben, Mario Galindo, Elias Figueroa, Rene Valenzuela, Vladimir Digora, Rodolfo Dubo, Eduardo Bonvallet, Miguel Neira, Patricio Yanez, Carlos Caszely, Gustavo Moscoso.
Substitutes: Oscar Wirth, Enzo Escobar, Mario Soto, Juan Carlos Letelier, Miguel Angel Gamboa.

Even without sensational striker Lakhdar Belloumi little Algeria shocked Chile by going into a three goal half time lead only to fade in the second half under a Chilean assault.

Belloumi was a staggering on mission. He had inspired Algeria to an amazing 2-1 win over West Germany a few days earlier but wasn't even

selected on the substitutes' bench against Chile.

The Algerians, leading 3-0 at the interval would have been in touching distance of a place in the second round had they maintained their first-half power.

The victory was inspired by Salah Assad who scored the first two goals and was a constant menace to the Chilean defence with his incisive speed and shooting power.

He opened the scoring after eight minutes, ramming a left-foot drive into the right-hand corner of the net, and made it 2-0 in the 31st minute when he beat three defenders inside the box before beating Chilean goalkeeper Mario Osben.

Four minutes later, Tedj Bensaula was again too fast for a pedestrian Chilean defence and hit a shot just inside the keeper's right-hand post.

But after the interval, Chile raised its effort. Algeria lost confidence and a 61st-minute penalty by Miguel Neira and a goal from substitute Juan Carlos Letelier after 74 minutes meant there was only one goal in it at the end.



Algerian players jump for joy after Tedj Bensaula (extreme right) scored against Chile in the first half to make it 3-0. Chile hit back but could score only twice in the second half.

IT'S A FIJIAN 'FIX' — 22-0 and 44-0

SUVA — Two soccer teams in Fiji "fixed" a match so that one of them won 22-0 to give it a better goal difference and a higher place on the competition table.

One of their angry opponents then went one better and arranged a second "fix" with another team — and won 44-0.

The "Fiji Times" reported the strange affair, which began when Nasole Two, one of the leading teams in the Nasinu Soccer Association's local competition, scored the 22-0 win over a team from the same club, Nasole One.

The Rishikul School team then arranged to score the even bigger win over the Laucala Beach team, according to the Rishikul club secretary, Mohend Prasad.

He said the 22-0 win by Nasole Two over Nasole One was not the first time the Nasole club has "fixed" a match.

"In 1980 Nasole One was leading the points chart and Nasole Two gave the game away with a 11-1 loss," Prasad said.

"Last year Nasole One was again leading the points chart and Nasole Two again gave the game away with a 16-1 defeat."

Prasad said Laucala had lost the championship in both these cases.

"Laucala, because they were bitter over Nasole's dirty tricks, agreed to give away the game to us and thus we won by such a large goal margin," he said.

Sorry, says the Sheikh

Kuwait will pay the fine of 25,000 Swiss francs imposed on it by F.I.F.A. following a stormy encounter with France and Sheikh Fahd Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah has apologised for his part in the encounter and after match comments.

The Sheikh is president of the Kuwait Football Association.

There were unruly scenes as referee Stupar annulled the goal, players scuffled and Sheikh Fahd went on to the pitch to talk to his team. Early in the stoppage, he appeared to be beckoning the Kuwaiti players off the pitch but said later he was in fact urging them to resume playing.

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Hans Krankl (right) drives Austria's second goal past Algerian goalkeeper Cerbah. Algerians Guendouz (left) and Merkezane are too far away to stop Krankl.

SCHACHNER, KRANKL POUNCE!

AUSTRIA 2 (Schachner 56th, Krankl 67th) ALGERIA 0 at Oviedo. Referee: Tony Boskovic (Australia).

AUSTRIA: — Mehdi Kanclis, Bernd Kraus, Bruno Pezzy, Erich Obermayer, Josef Degenogl, Roland Hattenberger, Herbert Prohaska, Reinhold Hintermeier, Ernst Baumeister, Walter Schachner, Hans Krankl.
Substitutes: Klaus Lindenberger, Johan Prossbauer, Heribert Weber, Gernot Jurtin, Kurt Welzl.

ALGERIA: — Mehdi Cerbah, Chaabane Merzekane, Mahmoud Guendouz, Nouradine Kourichi, Faouzi Mansouri, Ali Fergani, Lakhdar Belloumi, Moustapha Dahleb, Rabah Madjer, Djamel Zidane, Salah Assad.
Substitutes: Mourad Amara, Salah Larbas, Ali Bencheikh, Tedj Bensaula, Djamel Tiemcan.

Austria, playing Algeria for the

first time, took 56 minutes to open the scoring. When the ball rebounded off Algerian midfielder Lakhdar Belloumi, the ever-alert Walter Schachner was on hand to score.

And in the 67th minute, Hans Krankl took a pass from substitute midfielder Kurt Welzl and smashed a left-footer past Algerian keeper Mehdi Cerbah to complete the scoreline.

Algeria had been the more inventive team in the first half and looked again capable of belying its status as group outsiders. But it failed to maintain its rhythm in the second half.

Algeria had humbled proud West Germany a week earlier and so fielded the same side against the Austrians.

Austrian manager Georg Schmidt made one change from the side that beat Chile,

bringing in Ernst Baumeister for Heribert Weber as midfielder stand-in for the injured Kurt Jara.

Algeria again was without midfielder Karim Maroc who injured an ankle in training, though his absence did not upset the balance of the team against West Germany.

Midfield inspiration Lakhdar Belloumi, African footballer of the year, said the win over West Germany was no surprise for the Algerians.

"We played our game, imposed our rhythm and won entirely on merit. We could even have scored more goals," he said.

Austrian striker Hans Krankl said: "We didn't make the mistake of over-estimating the Algerians, but I did not think they were capable of another feat of strength like the one against Germany."

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Zico has his mates to thank

Zico (right) is the star of the Brazilian team, some would say of the World Cup, but neither title finds favor with the man who was born Artur Antunes Coimbra.

The modest 23-year-old is quick to reject suggestions that he is a one-man team. "I am a team man," he says "and any personal success is due to my team mates."

"I did not have a good World Cup in Argentina in 1978 but that was because the team did not play well — not the other way round."

Although Brazilian manager Tele Santana does not shackle Zico with rigid tactics in matches, it is in training that the little wizard really shows his full repertoire of tricks.

Zico in training is a one-man circus, juggling the ball endlessly on his head, shoulders, chest, thighs and feet.

It is those skills which have brought him 67 caps and which earn him a reported \$26,000 dollars a month with World Club champions Flamengo.

By his own standards, Zico was in subdued form in Brazil's opening Group Six match against the Soviet Union last week when he was merely excellent.

But he warmed to the task in the 4-1 win over Scotland, netting one of his renowned "banana" free kicks.

Scotland goalkeeper Alan Rough must have nightmares involving the magical Brazilian.

Zico's extraordinary shot around the defensive wall from the left-hand side of the penalty area was an exact replica of the goal he swept past rough last time the two nations met in the Maracana Stadium five years ago.

If the Brazilians win the World Cup in Madrid on July 12, Zico, who wears the same no. 10 shirt which once identified Pele, can look forward to being crowned "King of Football".



Zico flips backwards to score against the Kiwis. From left: Sumner, Herbert, Serginho (No. 9).

ARGENTINA 2 (Passarella pen. 22nd, Bertoni 53rd.) **EL SALVADOR 0** at Alicante. Referee Luis Barrancos (Bolivia).

ARGENTINA — Ubaldo Fillol, Jorge Olguin, Luis Galvan, Daniel Passarella, Alberto Tarantini, Osvaldo Ardiles, Americo Gallego, Diego Maradona, Daniel Bertoni, Mario Kempes, Gabriel Calderon. Substitutes: Hector Daley, Ramon Diaz, Patricio Hernandez, Julio Olarticochea, Santiago Santamaria.

EL SALVADOR — Luis Guevara Mora, Francisco Osorio, Peco Jovai, Jaime Rodriguez, Carlos Recinos, Ramon Fajardo, Joaquin Ventura, Norberto Hueso, Luis Ramirez Zapata, Jorge Gonzalez, Jose Mario Rivas. Substitutes: Julio Hernandez, Mario Castillo, Mauricio Alfaro, Francisco Hernandez, Miguel Diaz Arevalo.

The Argentine victory in the last Group Three match put paid to Hungary's hopes of making it to phase two. Hungary could have gone through on goal difference had Argentina lost.

In a match marred by fouls and poor refereeing, Argentina achieved the victory it needed



without ever producing its usual brand of flowing football.

The tone of the match was set in the opening minute with Argentina surging forward and El Salvador massing players in defence.

Only the crossbar prevented Mario Kempes from putting the champions ahead after four minutes with a left-foot drive.

But it was a hotly disputed penalty which broke the deadlock in the 22nd minute after Gabriel Calderon fell inside the area.

Despite loud and long protests by the Salvadoreans, some of whom appeared to shove Bolivian referee Luis Barrancos, the official stuck

to his decision to award a penalty.

Two minutes had elapsed since the penalty had been given when Argentine captain Daniel Passarella stepped forward to rifle home the spot kick.

The champions, frustrated by the crunching tackles of El Salvador, had to wait until eight minutes into the second half to increase their lead through a solo effort by Daniel Bertoni.

El Salvador's players argued furiously over this penalty which put Argentina ahead. Daniel Passarella (left) is pictured planning it past goalkeeper Luis Guevara.

Brazil will win it by a mile, says Adshead

BRAZIL 4 (Zico 29th. & 31st., Falcao 54th., Serginho 69th) **NEW ZEALAND 0** at Seville. Referee Damir Matovinovic (Yugoslavia).

BRAZIL — Waldi, Pez, Leandro, Oscar, Luisinho, Junior, Cerezo, Socrates, Zico, Falcao, Serginho, Eder. Substitutes: Paulo Sergio, Paulo Isidoro, Edvaldo, Edinho, Renato.

NEW ZEALAND — Frank White, Hattum, Glen Doida, Ricky Herbert, Adrian Elrick, Alan Booth, Steve Sumner, Keith Mackay, Kenny Crosswell, Bobby Almond, Wynton Ruler, Steve Wooddin. Substitutes: Richard Wilson, Brian Turner, Duncan Cole, John Hill, Glen Adams.

"Brazil is going to win the World Cup, and win it by a mile," New Zealand coach John Adshead said after this result.

"They are the best side in the World Cup and I believe that for us the result was a respectable one."

"They seem to play the game with so much ease. It will take a great team to close them down."

"Zico was at his best tonight in the way he takes goals. And the runs from behind by Junior and Socrates were very difficult to deal with."

"But you've got to remember our players are only amateurs."

Adshead said: "I think group-six is the only group where all the teams have played to their true potential."

"And I think the gap between New Zealand and the rest of the world is not as great as we think back home."

"The reason for this is that we never get the chance to

play the top teams when we tour. I think we now have firmly lodged football as the number-two sport in our country behind rugby. Only time will tell where it will go from there."

Brazil's football supremo Tele Santana said: "We did not think we would end the group with six points — especially after going 0-1 behind to the Soviet Union in the first game."

"We played well tonight but we were already through to the second-round so why should we take any risks?"

"I think New Zealand at times played well tonight. They were certainly better than they were against Scotland."

"I think our game with Argentina in the next round will be a classic because of our South American rivalry."

But Seville, home of the flamenco, witnessed a World Cup ballet as Brazil danced rings round a mesmerized New Zealand to win this closing Group Six match.

Everything the inimitable Brazilians did had a touch of invention, artistry and elegance about it and the poor New Zealanders looked as out of place as a pantomime horse in a chorus line of Swan Lake.

Turner to write book

By PAUL MOON

This has not been a happy season for Grant Turner. First of all there was the debacle of his brief Melbourne sojourn, then he suffered severe concussion while playing for his club, Gisborne City and the biggest blow of them all, he was ruled out of New Zealand's World Cup games by injury.

Turner trapped his ankle in a small hole while playing for the Kiwis in their final warm-up game against Spanish Third Division outfit Athletic Benameli, severely tearing ligaments.

After examination it was realized that the ankle would be in plaster for at least six weeks and therefore Turner, who otherwise would have been an automatic choice, was ruled out of the matches against Scotland, Russia and Brazil.

Bitterly disappointed, he flew back home on the first available plane. Upon his return, the midfielder received good news for a change. An Auckland publishing company has offered him a considerable sum to write his autobiography.

Should the book be published the chapter on his PSL career will be of interest to Hellas fans; even if it comprises just two paragraphs!

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The peerless Zico gave Brazil a 2-0 half-time lead with goals in the 29th and 31st minutes — the first a stunning scissors kick. Falcao and Serginho added to the tally in the 54th and 69th minutes.

But the Brazilians could have doubled the scoreline. Quite simply, they were playing a different game to New Zealand and it will take a very special troupe to deprive them of their fourth World Cup.

Zico's opener never will be forgotten by the 40,000 fortunate fans in the Benito Villamarin Stadium.

Fullback Leandro surged down the right and sent an out-swinging cross into the area.

Zico, standing eight metres out, launched himself into mid-air and from a horizontal position he smashed a lightning shot past the astounded Frank van Hattum. It was one of the best goals of this or any other World Cup.

Zico's second was merely very good by comparison: a crisp effort from ten metres after another good run and pass from Leandro.

Italian exile Falcao made and scored the third. The Roma midfielder started another electrifying move on the halfway line, exchanged passes with Socrates and ran in on goal to tuck the ball neatly under the advancing van Hattum.

Zico was content to orchestrate the fourth with a delightful run into the box and a perfect cut-back which Serginho swept into the net from close range.

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INJURED GERETS IN DOUBT



Belgian captain Eric Gerets on a stretcher, on his way to hospital after being concussed in the game against Hungary.

BELGIUM 1 (Czeriatynski 76th) HUNGARY 1 (Varga 27th.) at Elche.

Belgium's captain Eric Gerets was injured in this match and may miss the second round.

Needing a win to be certain of qualifying, Hungary fielded an attacking line-up and went ahead after 27 minutes through Jozsef Varga.

Belgium finally clawed back the equaliser in the 76th minute with a goal by Alex Czeriatynski which was set up by a

superb charging run down the right flank by Jan Ceulemans.

The early pattern was predictable, with Belgium playing to its requirement of needing a draw to clinch a place in the second phase. It defended solidly while the Hungarians pressed forward, probing for a goal.

When it came, it was left back Varga who upstaged his forwards, picking up a bad clearance and then breaking through the Belgian defence before lashing a shot past Jean-Marie Pfaff.

A goal behind, the Belgians abandoned their cautious approach and went fever-

ishly in search of an equaliser. There were only 14 minutes left when they achieved it, Ceulemans striding 50 metres down the right touchline before sending over a perfect cross which Czeriatynski hooked past Ferenc Meszar's despairing dive.

The outcome would have been different had the Hungarians finished their moves as brilliantly as they fashioned them. Golden chances went begging when Laszlo Kiss headed over after 25 minutes and Tibor Nyilasi missed with another header 10 minutes into the second half.



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His team had been eliminated even though it hadn't lost a match, but Cameroon's manager Jean Vincent (left) had the good grace to congratulate Enzo Bearzot on Italy's advancement after the teams had drawn 1-1 at Vigo.

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Italy gets through without a win

ITALY 1 (Graziani 60th) CAMEROUN 1 (M'Bida 61st) at Vigo, Referee Bogdan Dotschev (Bulgaria).

ITALY — Dino Zoff, Antonio Cabrini, Fulvio Collovati, Claudio Gentile, Gaetano Scirea, Giancarlo Antognoli, Bruno Conti, Francesco Graziani, Paolo Rossi, Marco Tardelli, Gabriele Oriali.
Substitutes: Giuseppe Bergomi, Ivano Bordon, Franco Causio, Alessandro Altobelli, Giuseppe Dossetti.

CAMEROON — Thomas N'Kono, Michel Kaham, Elie Onana, Rene Ndjeya, Ephrem M'Bo, Ibrahim Aoudou, Theophile Asega, Emmanuel Kunde, Gregoire M'Bida, Roger Milla, Jean-Pierre Tokoto.
Substitutes: Jacques N'Guen, Joseph Antoine Bell, Charles Toube, Francois Doumba Lee, Alain Eyobo.

Italy advanced from group one despite the fact that it had not won a match in the finals and scored only two goals. Cameroon was pipped for place on goal difference.

Italy made one change against Cameroon bringing in Gabriele Oriali in place of the injured Giampiero Marini.

Cameroon also made one change, fielding Jean-Pierre Tokoto instead of Jacques N'Guen in a game it had to win to reach the second round. Italy needed only a draw.

Italy's Gabriele Oriali (left) puts in a stretching tackle on Cameroon's Ibrahim Aoudo.



Poland's Andrzej Buncol, chased by Jose Velasquez, cops a boot to the knee.

Cameroon seldom threatened a tight quick-tackling Italian defence.

The Africans — playing in the World Cup finals for the first time — were far from disgraced however. They played it tight in midfield and up front.

They also had the satisfaction of scoring their first finals goal. It came in the 61st minute through Gregoire M'Bida.

It was all the more satisfying because it came just 60 seconds after striker Francesco Graziani had headed the Italians into the lead.

Goalkeeper Thomas N'Kono was given no chance with Graziani's effort, but up until then he had proved more than equal to the challenge on the few occasions the Italians broke through.

Italy looked sluggish in midfield and attack for most of the match. It had no drive, no pace, and no ideas to threaten the tall, sturdy Cameroon defence.

The match provided little entertainment for the crowd of 31,000.

SMOLAREK STARTS THE ROUT

POLAND 5 (Smolarek 55th., Lato 59th., Boniek 61st., Buncol 67th., Ciolek 77th) PERU 1 (La Rosa 82nd) at La Coruna.

Poland, having gone nearly four hours of soccer without scoring, suddenly found the magic touch to score five goals in 21 minutes to qualify for phase two.

Poland exploded to score three times in six minutes and went on to crush the Peruvians.

The Poles completely domi-

nated the goalless first half — hitting the goal-frame twice — and rocked the South Americans from the 55th minute.

Smolarek got the first, then veteran Lato followed by Boniek, Buncol and substitute Ciolek.

La Rosa scored the Peruvians' consolation goal in the 82nd minute.

Poland, plays the second round in Barcelona.

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Stein pays for his snub of Dalglish



Soviets celebrate. Sweeper Alexander Chivadze is hidden by jubilant team mates after scoring his country's first goal in its 2-2 draw with Scotland.

From DUNCAN FRASER IN MALAGA

USSR 2 (Chivadze 60th, Shengelia 85th) SCOTLAND 2 (Jordan 15th, Souness 88th) in Malaga. Referee: Nicolai Rainea (Romania).

Until Scotland's skill level and organisation matches the best of South America and Europe, losing a mere two games during the past three World Cup finals will be its sole claim to fame.

It's a sad fact of Scottish international football life that the national team's skill level isn't quite as high as the confidence of its cocky, unrealistic fans who think all too often that their beloved blue shirted wonders merely have to step out onto the pitch to win.

Not all Scots fans are like that though. Just the majority. As a Scot it's not easy for me to swallow the reality of our international football situation. But facts are facts.

Joe Jordan is big and good in the air. On the ground, and that's where the best in the world play their stuff, Jordan is sadly lacking at this level.

When Jack Stein was appointed as national team boss most Scots rejoiced. I was one.

What has become evident from another wasted experience in a World Cup finals series is that Stein's dislike of the peculiar talents of Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish cost Scotland dearly. Dalglish, our most capped player in Spain, has proven his scoring ability at world class club level. Unfortunately the same can't be said for the other strikers. Tragically Stein preferred them to Dalglish.

It was heralded world wide as a brave effort, this draw with the Soviets. It was. Bravery alone isn't what progressing to the second phase of this competition is about.

Jordan capitalised on a terrible, uncanny mistake by talented Soviet sweeper Alexander Chivadze in the 15th minute and the Scottish flags were flying proudly.

Those flags were at half past however in the 60th minute. Chivadze redressed the imbalance with a deflected shot after a series of hair-raising escapes for the Scots in their goalmouth.

Two goals in the last five minutes produced an all-action finale in which Ramaz Shengelia shot the Soviets ahead in the 85th minute, only for captain Graeme Souness to haul Scotland level two minutes from the end.

But try as it might, Scotland could not grab that elusive third goal which would have deprived the Soviet Union of a place in the second phase.

The Scots felt they should have had the match won in the 77th minute when John Wark appeared to be pushed by Anatoly Demianenko in the penalty area, but Romanian referee Nicolai Rainea waved play on.

Don't ask for an explanation of the curious appointment of an eastern block referee for a game contested by the Soviet Union. Especially if you are a Scot. It will sound like sour grapes. In fact Mr Rainea's appointment was like letting Ronald Reagan umpire an ice hockey clash between the USA and the Soviets.

In a roundabout way it is New Zealand that eliminated Scotland from the World Cup.

The two goals the Scots conceded to the Kiwis in their 5-2 victory meant their goal average was inferior to that of the Soviet Union.

Scots, English fight in pubs

English and Scottish fans clashed in running fights in the Spanish resort of Lloret de Mar within minutes of Scotland's exit from the World Cup.

Worst outbreaks were at two large disco-pubs, the Moby Dick and the 'Rob Roy', both popular with the Scots.

Both discos were "a shambles" within minutes according to a member of the staff of the 'Moby Dick'. Chairs, tables and glasses were thrown about and the bars wrecked.

"Some of the English had apparently had one or two too many and caused the rumpus. We got them quietened down eventually," he said.

It was not so much the damage they caused but the nuisance. It does the place no good and gets a bad name for England.

Both bars are in the town centre and skirmishes went on into the early hours.

Frightened holidaymakers stayed in their hotels to avoid flying bottles and bricks.

It is understood a number of people were arrested and a few received treatment for injuries, mainly from flying glass.

Cruz, Laing lift Honduras

NORTHERN IRELAND 1 (Armstrong 9th) HONDURAS 1 (Laing 60th), at Zaragoza. Crowd: 15,000. Referee: Tam Sun-chan (Hong Kong).

NORTHERN IRELAND — Pat Jennings, Jimmy Nicholl, Mal Donaghy, Dave McCreery, Chris Nicholl, John McClelland, Martin O'Neill, Gary Armstrong, Sammy McIlroy, Billy Hamilton, Norman Whiteside.

Substitutes: Sammy Nelson, Jim Platt, Noel Brotherton, Felix Healy, Tommy Cassidy.

HONDURAS — Julio Arzu, Cesar Gutierrez, Jaime Villagran, Jose Cruz, Alan Costly, Ramon Maradiaga, Gilberto Yearwood, Hector Zelazky, Porfirio Betancourt, Jose Figueroa.

Substitutes: Jose Naza, Francisco Toledo, Eduardo Laing, David Bueso, Carlos Caballero.

Two team changes did the trick for Honduras. Jose Cruz, included in defence at the expense of veteran Jose Bulnes, frustrated the Irish forwards, and Eduardo Laing who came on as a second-half substitute, scored the equalising goal.

The result left Ireland with the daunting prospect of having to beat Spain to advance to the second round.

But the Irish generally were outplayed by the more skilled Honduras team, which played long, delightful passages of one-two while their opponents chased shadows. Ireland, however, had the better scoring chances because it showed greater aggression up front, especially in the air.

And that's not losing sight of



Northern Ireland goalkeeper Pat Jennings makes a valiant but vain bid to save. Honduras striker Hector Zelazky celebrates his country's goal. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.

the fact that it was with a header that Laing got his equaliser.

The Central Americans again were well served by commanding centre-back Allan Costly, while Gilberto Yearwood, Ramon Maradiaga and Hector Zelazky, who scored against Spain, provided plenty of midfield inspiration.

Striker Norman Whiteside, 17, who became Northern Ireland's youngest-ever player in the finals when awarded his first cap against Yugoslavia, did enough to justify a further chance in this match.

The Central Americans, repeating the scoreline against

Spain last week, recovered from falling behind to a ninth-minute goal.

Northern Ireland took its early lead through Gerry Armstrong and then had to withstand frantic Honduras attempts to equalise.

With the score level, neither side was able to launch a decisive attack in the closing minutes as the energy-sapping heat took its toll.

The Irish went ahead when they won a free kick on the left of the penalty area after 17-year-old Norman Whiteside was brought down by Cesar Gutierrez.

Sammy McIlroy's free kick

struck the bar and when Honduras failed to clear the loose ball, Armstrong headed home from close range.

In the ensuing counter-attacks, Porfirio Betancourt hit the bar and Jose Figueroa had a shot saved superbly by Pat Jennings.

After Whiteside had a goal disallowed for offside in the 58th minute, the action swept back into the Irish half and Jennings brought off another fine save, tipping the ball over the bar.

But from the corner kick, Laing headed his goal and disappeared under an untidy pile of jubilant team-mates.

George Best, McIlroy, now Whiteside

Having gone into the record books as the youngest player to appear in a World Cup finals, Norman Whiteside must feel that all sacrifices made over the past two seasons have been worthwhile.

Discovered by the legendary Bob Bishop, who also put George Best and Sammy McIlroy on the road to fame, Whiteside signed non-contract forms with Manchester United when just 15 years old.

For almost the whole of the 1980-81 season, the youth would travel from his Belfast home on Friday night in order to play for United's youth team the following day, returning to Ulster that same afternoon.

This commuting across the Irish Sea may have been fatiguing, but obviously benefited the young Irishman who came on in leaps and bounds during that campaign.

Starting in the youth teams of both Northern Ireland and United, Whiteside helped the latter reach the 1982 FA Youth Cup final, where they were defeated by a Watford team in which Jimmy Gilligan who made his senior debut against Victoria, excelled.

After signing an apprentice professional contract and settling in Manchester almost a year ago, the young Irishman had to be content with reserve team football for most of the recently completed season.

Away from home, friends



Northern Ireland's teenage striker Norman Whiteside (right) gets in a header despite the challenge of Honduras' right back Cesar Gutierrez.

and family, Whiteside often must have wondered if his career would be better served back home in the Irish League or with the first team of a lesser English club than United.

Despite consistently brilliant performances in the Central League, he was denied the opportunity to display his skills to a greater audience until Ron Atkinson surprisingly called him up for the senior squad which travelled to Brighton on April 24.

Here he came on as substitute and contributed much to a 1-0 win.

His display that afternoon convinced Irish manager Billy Bingham that the inexperienced teenager was worthy of a gamble.

In Zaragoza, he fully justified Bingham's faith and obviously we will be hearing a lot more about Norman Whiteside in the next few years.

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Bravo Borges, Buljevic a lifesaver

From page one

Kyriakoulas and Belle have recovered from injury and should resume their places at right back and midfield respectively, against South Melbourne Hellas at Middle Park on Sunday.

J.U.S.T.'s long, unbeaten run was interrupted by Wollongong but although Zdravko Lujic remains out of the team due to injury, J.U.S.T. appears to have the grit as well as the talent to make it extremely difficult for Hellas.

Tommy Docherty was to have returned from England to resume as Hellas coach last Thursday, but did not arrive on schedule. The club was hoping he would be here in time for the match.



Nello Borges

Branko Buljevic has saved Hellas from defeat with two goals in as many weeks, and it remains a mystery to many that he hasn't been a permanent fixture in this team. Billy Rogers has been assigned the job as striker, yet it is Buljevic who should be playing there in the absence of Alan Evans who remains transfer-listed.



Branko Buljevic

Newcastle has been strengthened over recent weeks by British recruits Jim Hamilton and Stewart Robertson but without Craig Johnston, it has little hope of winning at Makedonia's Connor Reserve stronghold, since David Jones has strengthened Makedonia's defence considerably and Claude Lucchesi is scoring regularly. All Makedonia needs now is for Doug Brown to recapture his scoring form.

preference for experienced back-up players.

Alan Waldron and Steve Bryant, two newcomers to the PSL, will confront each other in the Wollongong v. Canberra match, with Wollongong starting as clear favorite.

He said: "At present goalkeeper Tony Pezzano is on loan to Brisbane City and full-back Brett Woods is with Croatia.

Waldron, who played his first game against J.U.S.T. last week, played for Blackpool in England and Bryant, who scored 200 league goals with Birmingham and Portsmouth, scored in his debut against Makedonia.

"We always listen to reasonable offers from the clubs, but the players' wishes are also considered.

Brazilian bombshell Nello Borges attributes his current success with Sydney City to a toughening up 1981 season with NSW State League premier Sydney Croatia.

Marconi should have Ian Hunter back from injury for its match against St George at Marconi Oval, but that doesn't mean the Sydney City — St George struggle will be broken.

Now he is an integral part of a budding, midfield partnership which also features Soccer captain Murray Barnes and youth international Jim Patikas.

It's just like the old days, Sydney City Hakoah and St George Budapest invariably held first or second position in the NSW First Division in the late sixties and early seventies, with APIA the only real challenger.

Sydney City meets Brisbane City at home and a win would be a clear pointer to its securing a third championship on the trot.

Ron Millman and Billy Williamson seem to have lost their scoring knack in recent weeks, but they'll have to recapture it if they hope to knock off Heidelberg at Richlands.

Said Thomson today: "The year with Croatia helped Nello develop into an aggressive player.

Charlie Yankos, Jim Tansey and Arthur McMillan are excellent in Heidelberg's defence, so Alan Sunderland alone won't be enough.

Thomson attributes some of his club's success to its preparedness to farm players out to other clubs, as well as its

Sydney Olympic made a welcome return to the top four with two successive victories, and should add another against Adelaide City at Pratten Park.

Olympic seems to have learned its lessons in defence. Weekend matches with likely winners in capitals:

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Last week's standings in brackets.

		HOME			AWAY					
		W	D	L	W	D	L	Gls	Pts	
1.	(1) SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH	8	2	1	19:9	6	2	3	20:10	39:19 28
2.	(2) ST GEORGE BUDAPEST	8	2	1	19:7	2	3	4	13:19	32:26 25
3.	(5) SYDNEY OLYMPIC	5	1	4	19:12	5	2	3	18:16	37:28 23
4.	(6) HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER	7	2	2	21:14	2	3	4	11:15	32:29 23
5.	(3) APIA-Leichhardt	6	2	2	19:16	3	3	4	16:20	35:36 23
6.	(4) West Adelaide Hellas	6	2	2	21:7	2	4	4	11:15	32:22 22
7.	(7) Preston Makedonia	5	4	1	19:12	2	3	5	10:20	29:32 21
8.	(8) Wollongong	5	1	3	12:13	4	5	2	12:21	24:34 21
9.	(10) Canberra City	3	4	4	17:17	2	5	2	12:14	29:31 19
10.	(9) Marconi-Datsun	6	1	3	23:12	2	1	7	7:16	30:28 18
11.	(11) Footscray JUST	2	6	2	15:13	2	4	4	12:19	27:32 18
12.	(12) Brisbane Lions	4	2	4	18:14	1	5	4	10:14	28:28 17
13.	(13) South Melbourne Hellas	4	3	2	16:11	1	4	6	12:17	28:28 17
14.	(14) Adelaide City Juventus	3	5	2	14:9	1	3	6	10:15	26:26 16
15.	(15) Newcastle KB United	3	4	3	14:13	2	1	7	13:24	27:37 15
16.	(16) Brisbane City	3	5	2	16:14	1	1	8	4:25	20:39 14

PSL TEAM OF THE WEEK

Total appearances in brackets

BOZANIC (2) (Marconi)	YANKOS (2) (Heidelberg)	JONES (1) (Makedonia)	AINSWORTH (1) (Wollongong)
ROBERTSON (1) (Newcastle)	KATHOLOS (10) (Syd. Olympic)	RASKOPOULOS (2) (Syd. Olympic)	
PATIKAS (2) (Syd. City)	JOHNSTON (1) (Newcastle)	MURRAY (5) (Syd. City)	

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CANBERRA CITY 1 (Bryant) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 1 (Lucchesi) at Bruce Stadium. Votes by Peter Windsor:

6. Jones (Mak), Christopoulos (C), 4. G. Byrne (C), 3. Bryant (C), 2. Potter (Mak), 1. Ollerton (Mak).

BRISBANE CITY 1 (Bohan) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Buljevic) at Spencer Park. Votes by Ricky Rosao:

6. Pimblett (BC), 5. Rogers (SM), 4. Hermiston (BC), 3. Bohan (BC), 2. Blair (SM), 1. Liddell (BC).

FOOTSCRAY JUST 1 (Ristovski) WOLLONGONG 2 (O'Connor, Adam) at Schintler Reserve. Votes by Peter Desira:

6. Ainsworth (W), 5. Bertogne (W), 4. Ristovski (JUST), 3. Cirk (JUST), 2. Adam (W), 1. Kondarilos (JUST).

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 2 (Solemidia, Paton) MARCONI-DATSUM 1 (McMillan own goal) at Olympic Village. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. Yankos (H), 5. Bozanic (M), 4. Calderon (M), Tansey (H), 2. McMillan (H), 1. Paton (H).

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 3 (Johnston 3) BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Sunderland) at International Sports Centre. Votes by Joe Lanzoni:

6. Johnston (N), 5. Robertson (N), 4. Sunderland (BL), 3. Mason (N), 2. Lewnds (BL), 1. Bennett (BL).

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Redfern 30th) at Hindmarsh. Votes by Memo Toutsidis:

6. Katholos (SO), 5. Raskopoulos (SO), 4. Jennings (SO), 3. Crook (WA), 2. K. Wilson (SO), 1. Gavin (SO).

ST GEORGE BUDAPEST 2 (Slater, Marton) ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 2 (Duarte o.g., Melita) at St George Stadium. Votes by Roger Sherack:

6. Ferguson (AC), 5.

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10. Giampaolo (APIA), Cole, Campbell (H'berg).

9. J. Nykohus (AC), Brown (Mak).

8. O'Connor (W), Jankovics (Marc), Redfern (SO).

7. Bradley (APIA), Purdie (Can), Murray, Mitchell (SC), Williamson (BL), Slater (St.G), Ollerton (Mak), Lowe (Newc), Simic (JUST).

5. Patikas (SC), Melita (AC), Barton (St.G), Lucchesi (Mak), Bozanic, Hunter (Marc), Ristovski (JUST), Paton (H'berg), JeHays (WA).

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IN ADELAIDE WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS v APIA-Leichhardt at Hindmarsh Stadium.	IN BRISBANE Brisbane Lions v. Heidelberg-Alexander (draw) at Richlands.

LABBOZZETTA NOT INVITED

PSL vice-chairman Tony Labbozzetta is angry over criticism of his absence from a PSL secretaries meeting in Sydney last week.

Those who attended decided to send "strong letters" to clubs which failed to send delegates and to Labbozzetta who had been expected to attend.

Labbozzetta however, wasn't even invited.

It seems that when PSL chairman Sam Pappasavas said in advance that he would be unable to attend, someone was to ask Labbozzetta to come instead. No one did, however.

"Had I received an invitation, I certainly would have come along," Labbozzetta said, "even though there would have been no reason for me to be there. It was, after all a secretaries' meeting, and our PSL secretary, Paul Kemp, was there."

Patikas equalises, bye-bye APIA!

APIA 1 Syd. City 4

Venue: Lambert Park
Crowd: 5428
Referee: Richard Lorenz 10
Yellow cards: Patikas, S. O'Connor, Kafka

Goals: Giampolo (pen) 1-0, Patikas 1-1, Murray 1-2, Spanos 1-3, Mitchell 1-4.

APIA: Parks 7, Skellern 5, McAusland 6, Pullen 7, Carter 5, Bradley 7, Butler 8, (McBreen 67), Burrows 6, Sopar 6, Giampolo 6, Kafka 8.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 8, Cent 6, Robertson 6, O'Connor 7, Bruce 7, Patikas 9, Barnes 7 (Spanos 7 - 60th), Watson 8, Murray 9, Borges 7.

Billed as the derby of the round, APIA v Sydney City Hakoah provided thrills and spills, with Hakoah always in the driver's seat despite being 0-1 down at half time.

Giampolo made the break midway through the first half, beating Robertson then Clarke, before being brought down inside the area which gave APIA its only goal via Giampolo's spot kick, but even during that half it was an all-out battle for APIA to keep Hakoah at bay.

Hakoah came forward in droves and was kept out by some superb saves from Parks and a well-marshalled defence led by Mark Pullen.

Both sides played hard and never gave an inch but there was always that little difference between the two sides

when it came to close combat, with Hakoah being the edge over its opponent.

With a one-goal advantage and some 5,000 home fans cheering, APIA looked set to cause an upset but failed to take advantage of its opportunities.

Only a minute after the break, Marshall Sopar broke into the clear and had only Clarke to beat, but he failed to notice Ian Bruce chasing and lost the ball to the full back with an empty net in sight.

Sixty seconds later Willie Murray produced a through pass which saw Patikas score to make it 1-1 and the ball-game was thrown wide open. Instead of APIA being two goals up the scores were level. A few minutes later, Willie Murray pounced onto a through pass to lob Parks and make it 2-1, then APIA went further behind in its quest for points, losing an alert Butler through injury.

Sopar missed from close range, then Spanos did the same with his header at the other end but with 19 minutes remaining, Spanos made it 3-1 and almost safe for the visitors following a neat cross by Watson. Spanos headed down and the ball bounced off the ground and over Parks into the net.

APIA came back and forced a penalty after Kafka was brought down by Robertson but for some reason it was John Bradley who took the kick and not Giampolo. His kick was weak and "telephoned" long before it was struck, giving Clarke an easy save.

With APIA coming forward and looking better than in any part of the match, that was the crucial moment in the game. Only a minute later Mitchell made an unexpected break. Rod Skellern had the ball at his feet and, attempting to kick, he found the body of an oncoming Mitchell in the way. The ball bounced perfectly for Mitchell to run around Parks and make it 4-1.

Willie Wallace, one of the most pleasant coaches at post-match interviews, was absent after the game. His team



Alex Vesic

missed the easy ones and allowed some soft goals but in the end there was no mistake about which was the better side and deserved to win.



Jim Patikas

Defensive attitude mars Makedonia

Canberra 1 Makedonia 1

Scorers: Lucchesi (M), Bryant (C).

CANBERRA: Hozzowski, 7, Ontong, 7, T. Byrne, 7, Milovanovic, 7, Ambrosino, 7; G. Byrne, 7, Christopoulos, 8, MacLaren, 7, Purdie, 8, Reis, 7 (Bryant, 52nd, 7), Gibson, 7.

MAKEDONIA: Potter, 8, Little, 7, Jones, 8, Tudorovski, 7, Petrovski, 7, Whitte, 7, Ollerton, 8, Flinnell, 7, Miranda, 7 (Brown, 68th), Lucchesi, 7, Ward, 8.

Ref: Bob Moo, Canberra, 7. Cautions: Ollerton, Miranda, Jones, T. Byrne, Milovanovic

(now out on suspension for one game).
Venue: Bruce Stadium.
Crowd: 2000.

A goal snatched by new English import Steve Bryant just six minutes from full-time gave Canberra a 1-1 draw against Makedonia at Bruce Stadium last Sunday.

And it was a point Makedonia must have been happy to collect. It was, after all, what it had come to achieve.

That it was out for a draw was evident by Doug Brown sitting on the bench and the fact that even after a dream start Makedonia still chose to attack only from quick break-aways.

For the rest of the match it adopted a nine-man, stone-wall defence.

And it almost gave the visitors maximum points. Canberra wasted far too many chances and Makedonia's physically bigger defenders did their job well - particularly centre back David Jones whose heading ability and hard tackling were evident throughout.

Makedonia adopted a nonsense, play-it-safe approach although it proved it has a fine attack when it chose to move forward.

Canberra missed the explosive speed and hard running of the injured Tony Brennan.

In his place, coach George Murray gave 20-year-old Alan Reis his chance to make his mark but the youngster, while grafting solidly, failed to make a big impression although it is obvious he is on the doorstep of a regular first team place.

Reis' replacement, is a player of a different calibre. But first Makedonia's dream start. It scored one of the quickest goals in PSL history.

It came after just 40 seconds.

Big Gary Ward's centre floated over the heads of Canberra's defenders although Mike Milovanovic did at least appear to get a touch, and then fell perfectly at the feet of the waiting Claude Lucchesi.

Lucchesi slammed the ball neatly between defenders and into the right-hand corner from some 12 metres.

Yet despite this superb beginning, as I said earlier, Makedonia chose to close the game down and defend doggedly.

Play always was robust, if not downright dangerous as evidenced by the number of yellow cards handed out freely by Canberra referee Bob Moo.

Three went Makedonia's way - to Ollerton, Miranda and Jones - and two Canberra's way, to Terry Byrne and Michael Milovanovic.

Milovanovic's card gave him an automatic one-match suspension.

Yet Canberra were easily the more positive and constructive side. And in flashes it showed some superb touches.

Yet on Sunday its finishing was abysmal. It was as bad as



Peter Windsor

was Makedonia's defensiveness.

It was not a game to enhance either side's reputation. Doug Brown came on only late in the game as a replacement for Richard Miranda.

But even in a quick break situation Makedonia proved it has a forward line of real ability. If only it had chosen to use it more readily.

It was Canberra that created the better chances and twice hit the woodwork before getting the late equaliser.

The first was after 38 minutes when Ian Purdie headed a neat Ian Gibson cross against the underside of the bar and again late in the game when Don MacLaren's header from a Purdie centre smashed against the angle of the post and the bar.

And only 50 seconds earlier another MacLaren header had gone but a foot wide of the upright.

Yes, Canberra deserved the equaliser. There was only one side in it in the second half. And full marks to Bryant for the way in which he took his opportunity.

An ex-Birmingham and Portsmouth player, Bryant, 28, collected the ball on the edge of the penalty area from a neat Christopoulos back pass.

He then ghosted around two defenders before hammering his shot into the roof of the net.

No side could wish for a better debut - particularly since he arrived in Australia only 24 hours before the game.

A close friend of Ian Purdie, Bryant has played over 200 League games in English First and Third Division soccer and still came on a free transfer.

He looks a most useful acquisition.



Steve Potter

Caretaker coach Watson slams his midfielders

Bris. City 1 S.M. Hellas 1

Scorers: Bohan (BC), Buljevic (Hellas).
Venue: Spencer Park.
Conditions: Fine and warm.
Crowd: About 1800.
Referee: Tim Davies 9.

CITY: Pezzano 7, Perry 7, Hermiston 8, Liddell 7, Tokasi 7, McVaugh 7, Plimblett 8, Hamilton 6, Conner 6, Glockner 6, Bohan 8.

HELLAS: Tsigaris 7, Bennett 7, Nikolaidis 7, Blair 8, Xanthopoulos 7, Holford 7, (Stevenson 67th), Rogers 8, Davidson 7, Egan 7, Campbell 6, Buljevic 6.

South Melbourne Hellas caretaker coach Mike Watson labelled his midfield as "a group of individuals" and blamed their lack of cohesion as the reason behind the 1-1 draw with Brisbane City at Spencer Park last weekend.

"They all want to do their thing and seldom combine in the one move. It is something we definitely have to look at," Watson said.

"That, combined with the fact that we had no width, particularly because Bill Rogers didn't play wide as instructed was our downfall."

"We didn't play bad it is just that we are not doing what we are capable of doing."

While Watson's views summed up Hellas' performance I felt a more evident reason for it not beating Brisbane City was the lack of a thinking midfielder who could react for much of the match the home side played without a fullback, the left in the first half and the right in the second.

It was an easy avenue of attack for the visitors and despite the two successful times they attacked City down the flank in the first 30 minutes of the game, they failed to again exploit the opening until the dying stages.

The reason for the opening was Brisbane City coach Nereo Saffich's decision to use three central defenders as he dealt with success against Brisbane Lions the previous week.

The plan was Frank Liddell and Peter Tokesi as dual stoppers with Jim Hermiston as sweeper and Steve Perry as rightback. Perry was to stay on George Campbell and Tokesi on Branko Buljevic which they both did well.

But the plan also calls for Tokesi to move over to the left when the defence is being attacked from the flank. But that seldom eventuated.

Neither Tokesi nor Perry could leave their man, Jim Hermiston as sweeper could not leave the centre and Liddell also couldn't stray and leave Charlie Egan alone.

So South Melbourne Hellas was allowed, on the few occasions it tried, to attack from the flanks. City was hoping to be able to head away any crosses as it did against Lions.

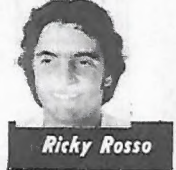
The two times Hellas tried its attack resulted in a Steve Blair header which should have been put away but was far too soft and a similar attempt by Buljevic.

But, for some reason the game lapsed into endless midfield drudgery. Hellas limited its play to the area between the edges of the two penalty boxes and gave away more balls than it won.

Persistently attack went down the middle, broke down then the opposition would do exactly the same. On the few occasions anyone pushed anything wide it looked dangerous.

City did it a few times but either fiddled and lost the ball before crossing or fumbled before looking and found no one in the penalty box.

Hellas didn't even do that and the only time it looked like scoring in the first half was



Ricky Rosso

when Buljevic finally burst through the middle, surprisingly getting past all three central defenders but Pezzano made a great save to keep out his low shot.

City switched Perry to left-back in the second half, which closed the gap there but of course opened another on the right which he just left, which Hellas failed to realise or at least if it did it didn't exploit it. City's second attack of the half resulted in a goal.

Hellas conceded a corner from the first and failed to clear the resulting kick. The ball went across the goal twice, with the City players at one stage appealing for a handball. It was finally knocked back out to Conner wide on the right who put a deep cross into the goalmouth. The positioning of Hellas keeper Lou Tsigaris must be questioned as the cross looped over his hands and fell for Bevan Bohan who had the easy task of heading in from only one foot out.

The very next attack on goal, which was six minutes later, resulted in an equaliser for Hellas.



Billy Rogers

Billy Rogers, who despite doubting his coach's instructions was involved in much of the play, knocked a long ball in from the left. Egan, despite being much smaller than the three defenders who had surrounded him all day, amazingly found space to get a free header back across to Buljevic who also ran unmarked to blast the ball in from close range.

In the following five minutes City had two chances to go ahead. A Frank Liddell header which went wide and a Bobby Hamilton attempt which Tsigaris did well to save then to his amazement watched the ball go over the top of the goal and over the foot of Bohan who was running in to finish off.

Hellas then substituted John Stevenson for Carl Kioford and its play became much more composed. It again attacked city down the open flank but apart from an Egan shot, which was brilliantly saved by City keeper Pezzano, it never really pressured the City goal and time ran out.

Finally a congratulatory word to referee Tim Davies who was always in control, although admittedly it was not a tough game to handle. Davies was always on the spot and a few stern words early in the game stamped his authority on the match.

It came as a welcome change from some of the refereeing performances in Brisbane of late.

Wollongong rings J.U.S.T.'s relegation bell

J.U.S.T. 1 Wollongong 2

Scorers: O'Connor 25th, Adam 59th (W), Ristovski 71st (J.U.S.T.)

Ground: Schintler Reserve
Crowd: 1200
Referee: D. Yelland

JUST: Ciric 7, Stojcicki 6, O'Reilly 6, Kondariou 7, Hazabent 6, Milne 6, Ilioski 6, Curovic 6, Ivanovic 66th, Ristovski 7, Sinic 6, Kojic 7.

WOLLONGONG: Preston 7, Willis 6, Ainsworth 8, Bertogna 8, Dunleavy 6, Waldron 6, Adam 7, Fleming 7, Tredinick 6, O'Connor 7, Corton 6.

Just when the cloud of relegation was starting to evaporate away from Schintler Reserve, the home side put up its poorest performance since March to cast doubt on the future of the club yet again.

JUST had weathered two coaching changes as well as injuries to four of its players to go through an unbeaten run of seven matches and club officials already were talking in terms of aiming for the Philips League championship next season.

Now all it needs is for the back four to be as vulnerable as last Sunday for one or two more matches and there might not be a Philips League to look forward to next season.

The defence was caught square too many times for



Peter Desira

comfort and to rub salt into the wound, the only solid contributor, Jim Kondariou, was at fault for both goals conceded.

The signs of what was in store surfaced as early as the 12th minute when Igor Hazabent pulled down Roy Cotton in the area for an unquestionable penalty decision.

Keeper Milutin Ciric delayed the impending disaster saving the twice taken penalty by Lee Adam, diving correctly both times although he was judged to have moved too early by referee David Yelland for the first attempt.

The opening goal came 13 minutes later when Kondariou headed away a Peter Tredinick corner kick but only as far as Phil O'Connor at the far post and the striker made no mistake from close range.

O'Connor really has hit a purple patch lately and Sunday's goal was his sixth in as many matches.

Footscray rallied for a short while after the break and Mendo Ristovski, JUST's best player, hit the crossbar with a sizzler from the left.

But the revival lasted only until Adam accepted the best gift he'll get all season in the 59th minute.

Jim Kondariou in his haste to start another attack, hurriedly took a goalkick but succeeded only in giving the ball to Adam standing some 30 yards out.

The midfielder steadied, and let fly a lobbed shot which gave Ciric, yards off his line, no chance.

JUST replaced the ineffective Suleiman Curovic with Slobodan Ivanovic soon after and switched Milne to centreback to give Kondariou a more attacking role.

Ristovski revived their hopes when he swooped on the loose ball to shoot home in the 71st minute after Jim Preston lost an aerial duel with Kondariou.

But it was Wollongong which had the best scoring chance in the closing stages.

Cotton had only the keeper to beat after he and O'Connor had broken through on a counter attack but the striker's shot was partly blocked by Ciric and Stojcicki dashed back to clear off the line.



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Adams, Conlan sent off

By WALTER PLESS

quarter of an hour to go. Croatia had used both its substitutes by half time in an effort to get back into the game.

Olympia and Juventus turned on a fine game on Sunday, a game which Olympia won 4-0 thanks to an own goal by Jones. The Juventus goalkeeper, it came in the 12th minute when an intended clearance by Pace went high in the air above his own goal. Jones went to punch clear but, pressured by two Olympia players, he succeeded only in swiping the ball into the back of his own net.

Fortunes oscillated throughout the match. Both sides missed excellent chances. Olympia had Conlan sent off mid-way through the second half but survived as its replacement players stepped up their efforts. Harrison had a superb game in the Olympia goal and he was chaired off by the jubilant Greek supporters at the end of the match.

White Eagles accounted for South Hobart 3-0 in the earlier game and the situation is tight at the top now, with three teams on 15 points, just one point behind leader Juventus.

Strange goals, strange result, Adelaide City lucky

St George 2 Adel City 2

Scorers: St George: Slater 28th, Marton 54th, Adelaide City: Duarte o.g. 6th, Malta 81st.

Crowd: 1645.
Referee: P. Ramplay.
ST GEORGE: Fraser 7 - Duarte 6 (Terry 64th), M. O'Shea 7, Ratcliffe 7, J. O'Shea 7, Stone 8, J. O'Shea 7, Barton 7, Slater 8, Wilkinson 7, Marton 8.
ADELAIDE CITY: Ferguson 8 - Russell 6, Banfield 7, Flounders 7, B. Nyskohus 6 - Malta 7, Marocchi 7, Manou 7 - Villani 6, Rankin 6 (Snella-beer 65th), J. Nyskohus 7.

St George opened the stronger, shading and sometimes swamped Adelaide City for most of the game yet they had to settle for a home draw at the St George Stadium.

Adelaide City came out in poor form and constantly was bused off the ball, and yet it only needed John Nyskohus to drive his penalty kick home and it could have been the winner.

That was part of the story of a strange game indeed, after which Adelaide City was delighted to take an unexpected point home on the plane.

If ever a goal could have been confidently nominated for a 'non-goal of the year' award it was the one that ar-



Roger Sherack

rived in Adelaide City's favour in the sixth minute.

St George had been rapping on Adelaide City's door from the kick-off. Then it worked the ball back and Dennis Duarte intended to push it to his goalkeeper, Mike Fraser.

Fraser went down to accept an easy ball in advance of the pass. All he could do was stare

as the ball nonchalantly gave him the go-by and just had enough pace to carry it into his net.

Soon afterwards Charlie Villani did not settle quickly enough and missed narrowly from a John Nyskohus build-up.

St George was picking up its men extremely well and Adelaide City was looking second-rate.

It came as no surprise when a long Dez Marton throw-in in the 28th minute was played across goal by Duarte and Robbie Slater hit it into goal for the equaliser.

No doubt Duarte breathed a sight of relief as his part in the

goal cancelled out his earlier non-productive effort.

John O'Shea narrowly missed just before halftime, and the pattern of St George dominance continued into the second half.

Marton showed all his drive and cunning in the 54th minute. He latched on to a ball just to the right of the penalty box in Adelaide territory. Opposing goalkeeper Bobby Ferguson advanced and had him covered, but Marton swung to his left and beat the three defenders who were desperately trying to cover their goal. It was a high shot that they could not handle for both height and speed as it flew into the net.

The players did not quibble when referee Peter Ramplay awarded a penalty against St George defender David Ratcliffe in the 63rd minute.

John Nyskohus, who was having a game that saw some brilliant runs and some uncharacteristic mistakes, moved into the box at a rate of knots but Ratcliffe's attempt to pull him back did not go unnoticed.

Nyskohus himself took the shot, but he sent it sailing over the bar seemingly at about the level of the jets that arrive into Mascot airport nearby.

John Perin then tried Paul Shillabeer for Peter Rankin and Frank Arok brought on

Peter Terry for Dennis Duarte.

St George understandably was looking to a 2-1 win and it could have gone to 3-1 in the 76th minute when Paul Wilkinson got his head onto the end of a swinging Slater cross only to find the more than reliable Ferguson picking the ball out of the air.

With nine minutes to go John Nyskohus and Villani helped Sergio Malta to a ball that he resolutely worked to the left near post and then deposited the equaliser at 2-2.

For that result Adelaide City can thank Bobby Ferguson and Malta in particular, not to mention good friend Lady Luck.

OLYMPIC BACK ON THE WINNING TRAIL

Olympic 1 West Adel 0

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8 - McKie 7, McGachey 7, Dunn 6, Totikas 6 - Atsalas 6, Brennan 6, Doorne 6, Hays 7, Honeyman 7, McGregor 7.
OLYMPIC: Meier 8 - Coady 7, Wilson 8, Rowden 8, Rogers 8 - Redfern 7 (Akoutas 7), Raskopoulos 9, Katholos 9, Jennings 9, Koussas 8, Gavin 8.

Scorers: Redfern 30th, Coady: 3600

Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium
Referee: Jim Rossis 9

It may be too late to displace Sydney City, but Sydney Olympic has once again set its sights on the top.

It dispatched a feeble West Adelaide with class and style and could have won by a bigger score with an ounce of luck.

Olympic clearly was the better side, and it is hard to imagine that Doug Collins' men went through a run of six matches without defeat.

Peter Katholos and Peter Raskopoulos were magnificent in midfield and completely destroyed West's trio - Mick Brennan, Steve Atsalas and David Doorne.

It was Katholos who set up the solitary score when he exchanged passes with Jimmy Redfern who in turn slammed a great 20 metre drive into the bottom left hand corner.

Before that goal, Raskopoulos struck two stinging drives which Crook saved, while the best West could offer was a strike from Honeyman outside the penalty area which Gary Meier fumbled.

West's normally reliable back four was in all sorts of bother, particularly Tom Totikas and Robbie Dunn.



Meno Toutsidis

West lifted its game after the break and while it did not have the skill to compete with Olympic, its work rate was high and the Sydney club had its share of awkward moments.

Graham Heys, Ian McGregor and Graham Honeyman began to chip away at the Olympic defence in the second half.

Heys managed to put the ball into the net in the final moments but the goal was disallowed for offside.

McGregor had two good strikes, but both were off target.

While West pushed forward with much enthusiasm, Olympic launched several incisive attacks many of which look certain to drive the final nail into West's coffin.

With two defeats in succession, West is in danger of falling into the sort of hole from which Olympic has just emerged.

Coach Alan Vest will be obviously delighted with the impending return of Kiwi internationals Steve Sumner and Allan Boath who must forget about Malaga and Seville and concentrate on the battles of Hindmarsh et al.

Both men will play against APIA Leichhardt at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday.

If West is to get back into the four, it must defeat APIA which dropped its first point of the season against the Adelaide club back in April.

Olympic striker Tommy Gavin (right) tries a lob as West Adelaide stopper Robbie Dunn looks on. Pictures by FRANK HOBBS.



Olympic speedster Graham Jennings (foreground) tangles with West Adelaide defender Ian McKie.

Newcastle 3 Bris Lions 1

Ground: International Sports Centre
Weather: Fine.
Crowd: 6524.

Cautions: Millman (Lions).
Referee: R. Davies 6.
Scorers: Johnston 3, Sunderland.

NEWCASTLE KB: Dando 7, Curran 6, Tredinnick 6, Drinkwater 7, Sneddon 7, Mason 8, Robertson 9, Hamilton 7, Lowe 7, Jones 7, Johnston 9.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 8, McSkinnings 7, Niven 6, Attmore 6, Bennett 6, Burns 7, Low 6, Williamson 6, Millman 6, Sunderland 8, Wright 7.

A brilliantly inspired performance by Craig Johnston enabled Newcastle to once again get off the bottom of the ladder by defeating Brisbane Lions in a thoroughly entertaining game.

Seldom if ever, have I seen one player having such an influence on a match.

From the seventh minute when he gained possession on the half way line from an exchange with Col Curran, Johnston weaved his way around four defenders cutting inside, served David Jones on the right touchline and remarkably popped up in the centre of the goalmouth to head Jones' cross past the helpless Nigel Lownds.

From that moment on the former Newcastle junior and current Liverpool star brought the crowd to its feet every time he touched the ball. Maybe his greatest contribu-

Three goals for Johnston

tion was the inspiring effect he had on the rest of his team.

Most Newcastle players played above themselves, but none more than Stuart Robertson who had a tremendous match.

The diminutive midfielder was everywhere, getting the defence out of trouble on several occasions and bursting through the middle to initiate numerous counter attacks.

He culminated a good game five minutes from the end when again he broke through the midfield. This time Johnston ran into the open at full speed to get Robertson's pass, round the advancing keeper and put the ball in an empty net from a narrow angle for a memorable goal.

Watching the crowd of 6524 give Johnston a standing ovation was certainly heart-warming especially considering the fact that they had to put up with some drab performances early in the season. But they certainly had their money's worth last week.

By reading my previous paragraphs one could be excused in thinking that the visitors surrendered easily. On the contrary Brisbane Lions must be congratulated in making the game the spectacle it was.

They equalized the early set back when Alan Sunderland nipped in to collect a short back pass by Curran to his keeper, and put the visitors on level terms.

The Arsenal star, guesting for Lions, also showed his class, especially in the first half when every time he gained possession there was an opening made. Unfortunately for the Lions, his team mates were not capable of taking ad-

vantage of his defence splitting passes.

Brisbane Lions manager Joe Giroy was possibly unlucky to lose Craig Low with a leg injury with 15 minutes to go, after having already substituted Billy Williamson with John Ogden.

But there was no stopping Newcastle on the day which finished the match on a crescendo and in the last 20 minutes had several good opportunities, but on each occasion Lownds denied the local forwards a goal until Johnston put the issue beyond doubt five minutes from the end.

On reflection possibly the most intangible reward is the effect Johnston's performance must have had on the thousands of children present, and if it fires the imagination of some, to go to it and work hard to achieve their goal just like he did, bringing players of his calibre back as guest stars is certainly worthwhile.

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It may find itself sharing the points on Sunday.

Hellas-Hakoah is probably one of the hardest sides for a tipster to follow. The Greek sponsored club runs hot and cold. It scored a remarkable 4-2 win over Polonia two weeks ago only to go down 2-0 to George Cross the following week.

Anything could happen and probably will when Hellas-Hakoah goes to Croydon Park on Sunday.

I'm tipping Croydon to win but I won't be surprised if the visitors turn it on like they seem to do every second week.

Northcote will surprise Albion Rovers at John Cain Reserve on Sunday and really open up the chase to escape the dreaded relegation zone by taking both points.

The Northern Irish "mafia" will see to that - Col McCurdy, Bertie Lutton, Sammy Wright, Dave Nixon and Norm Mainland.

Mainland joined Northcote last Monday from George Cross for \$1250.

Broken down Marconi can't match the Bergers in boredom stakes

Heidelberg 2 Marconi 1

Scorers: Selamidis 16th, McMillan own goal 17th, Paton 88th.

Venue: Olympic Village
Crowd: About 2000
Referee: Chris Bambridge 6.
MARCONI-DATSUM: Maher 7, Bozanic 9, Calderon 8, Prskalo 7, Budini 6 - Henderson 7, Vieri 6, McCulloch 6 - Duvnjak 7, Mariani 6 (Licata 73rd), Silva 8.

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER: Over 7 - McMillan 8, Yanikos 9, Macleod 7, Tansey 8 - Bekleris 7, Campbell 7, Selamidis 7, Valentine 7 - Paton 8, Cole 7.

Taking away all the square passes in defence, all the back-passes to both goalkeepers, time-wasting in general and more throw-ins than I've seen in any other game, we were left with perhaps 50 minutes' play instead of 90.

Both teams wanted the other to take the initiative and, most of the time, neither would. Nevertheless, both defences kept on holding the ball, trying to coax the opponents forwards.

Heidelberg is good at this game and within the context of this style, all the players did their jobs well and at least Heidelberg was dangerous when it attacked.



Laurie Schwab

Marconi however, either lost the ball because it tried to run it forward, and the men up front were far too slow to play on the break.

The midfield started very little. Roberto Vieri and Tom McCulloch were ineffective while Tony Henderson, who did make position in open space without getting the ball much in the first half, dropped back after the interval, giving Marconi three centre backs.

It was all so depressing. Heidelberg, to its credit, did snatch a victory - albeit in the 88th minute - and now boasts a place in the top four. Marconi, however, has problems galore.

The latest ones that manifested themselves last Sunday were the absence of strikers Mark Janjovics and Ian Hunter due to injury. Without them, Marconi really didn't have a forward line, although Nikola Duvnjak did do all he could. Rene Licata had a swollen foot and could play only as

a substitute. Vieri wasn't himself because there had been a death in his family, and Vic Bozanic, even though he was Marconi's star, played with a corked thigh.

Those problems simply compound the ones Marconi created for itself through its selling spurge early in the year. Gone are Eddie Krncevic, Peter Brogan, Stewart Johnston, Houssein Housseini, Peter Sharne, Gary Byrne, Paul Degney, Jim Muir and Dragan Tomasic. Joe Piccione returned to Melbourne last week but still has a back injury and won't be signed by Fawcner until he recovers.

Jovan Djordjevic, who was to have been a new Marconi star, has played only one full match due to an injury which looks so serious it may even end his career. Djordjevic, who came from Blackburn, cost Marconi \$12,500 plus Johnston and Housseini.

Couch Dom Kapetanovic remains under fire, as Marconi now is only three points clear of the relegation zone, but to be fair, Kapetanovic deserves a medal for having kept Marconi above water for so long.

Heidelberg, meanwhile, will be without sweeper John Zenden for at least six weeks due to injury but Charlie Yanikos, who took Zenden's



Vic Bozanic

position last Sunday, was outstanding.

With Zenden out, Heidelberg had transferred Ken Taylor back on the bench on Sunday.

Heidelberg started sensationally, with a blistering 30-metre shot by Theo Selamidis, which went over Allan Maher's head, for a brilliant goal.

But only seconds later, Bozanic stormed forward and launched one of his characteristic piledrivers. It wasn't going towards the goal, but when Arthur McMillan stuck his foot out at the ball

changed direction and whistled past Jeff Oliver to level the score.

Gary Cole should have put Heidelberg back in front when he broke clear of the defence and placed the ball low past Maher, but he watched in agony as it hit the bottom of the far post.

Cole did put the ball into the net shortly afterwards but was ruled offside.

Oliver made a good save from Bertie Mariani - playing only his second game after a five-month spell due to injury - and at the other end Maher helped Mike Valentine who shot after playing a one-two into the box.

Heidelberg came out for the second half dressed in white shirts instead of the yellow it had worn in the first half. The change was due to the rain.

Jim Campbell started the second half with a shot that was deflected into space on the left. Selamidis latched onto it but his foot shot was saved well by Maher.

Selamidis came close again when he flew horizontally to head a cross from Jim Tansey, but this time it was too high.

With time running out, the Marconi defence missed a corner from Campbell and Jamie Paton nipped in to give Heidelberg victory with a header.



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Polonia giant Alex Marshall

CAN MARSHALL OUTGUN TOAL?

With big Alex Marshall on song up front, home team Polonia can score an important win at Raleigh Reserve on Sunday over top four rival George Cross.

Marshall is something of an enigma though. If he were more consistent in his finishing he easily could be the leading scorer in State League.

He is deceptively fast and his height and solid build have taken nothing away from his close ball skills which are excellent. He also can strike the ball with venom and if he's on target on Sunday then young George Cross keeper "Rocky" Tachiris will be in for a busy time.

Tachiris has tremendous reflexes though and a good pair

of hands. He's not tall but once he clutches the ball it usually sticks. He was George Cross's best against Hellas-Hakoah and a lot rests on his shoulders on Sunday as Steve Lawson is out injured.

Lawson's sweeper position probably will be filled by experienced Billy Wilkinson. Funny how fortunes fluctuate so wildly in this game. A few weeks ago Wilkinson was close to leaving the club he has served so well. Now his presence is invaluable and no doubt he'll adequately fill the defensive hole caused by Lawson's injury.

George Cross has one of the best strikers in the league in Bobby Toal. I watched Toal

closely two weeks ago against Juventus and he really is razor sharp. He's got the knack of pushing the ball past a defender a fraction of a second before the tackle comes in. And Toal also is a tremendous "diver." It's hard to keep track of the number of free kicks he wins.

Then there's midfielder Dave Rigby to also worry about. Rigby is right up near the head of the State League goalscorers' list which is proof of the threat this fine attacking midfielder represents to Polonia.

However the Polish sponsorship side is one of the finest footballing outfits in the league. I think Polonia will prove this on Sunday and knock off the Cross in a highly entertaining clash.

Acting Juventus president Sam Manenti may have something to smile about after Sunday's visit to Waratah Reserve to take on Doveton.

Manenti stepped into the presidency in a kind of caretaker capacity last week while Bernie Santamarina has a well deserved rest.

Juve seems to be making a habit of giving away silly goals. It's almost as if its strikers go out onto the field knowing that they'll have to score at least three goals to clinch victory because a couple of goals are going to be thrown away.

Young Andrew Zinni could win a spot in the starting lineup on Sunday and I'm confident that this highly talented young striker will soon force his way into the side as a regular.

He was sensational two weeks ago against George Cross. A repeat performance at Waratah Reserve and the Doves won't know what hit them.

Sunshine will be out to restore a lot of the prestige lost by last weekend's 5-0 drubbing when it runs into Mike de Bruyckere's high flying Ringwood Wilhelmina at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday.

Wilhelmina's win over title contender Croatia stamps it as the most improved side in the league. It struggled throughout last year and finished third last. Right now Wilhelmina looms as a genuine top four candidate.

Much of the credit for the club's change in fortune must be attributed to the greater quality in the first team squad. The starting line-up against Croatia contained six players signed this season.

I'm certainly not going to be last to jump onto Wilhelmina's bandwagon so I'm tipping it to

SUNDAY

Sunshine v Ringwood Wilhelmina at Chaplin Reserve, 3 pm.

Croatia v Morwell Falcons at Olympic Park No 1, 3 pm.

Norwiche v Albion Rovers at John Cain Reserve, 3 pm.

Ajax v Frankston at Green Gully Reserve, 3 pm.

Doveton v Juventus at Waratah Reserve, 3 pm.

Polonia v George Cross at Raleigh Reserve, 3 pm.

Croydon v Hellas-Hakoah at Croydon Park, 3 pm.

take both points from disappointing Sunshine.

Croatia can't afford to slip up against Morwell Falcons at Olympic Park on Sunday, otherwise it can kiss goodbye to its chance of winning the championship.

Ajax looks too classy for Frankston at Green Gully Reserve so Croatia must regain its winning ways and soundly beat Falcons.

That's easier said than done. Noel Mitten is in scoring touch and he'd like nothing better than to score against his former club.

I think that Croatia is in for a second successive surprise.

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Revenge for Polonia

POLONIA 5 (Marshall 3, Lalic, P. Czapnik) SUNSHINE 0

POLONIA: Ostrowsky 6 - Kralj 6, Mila 9, A. Czapnik 7, Pichor 6 - Ljuparski 7, P. Czapnik 8, Cadinovic 6 - Lalic 7, Kryzinski 6 (Saglam 7th), Marshall 8.

SUNSHINE: Massani 4 - Campbell 5, Greenbush 5, Massel 5, McRobert 7 - Waters 5, R. Nelson 4 (Mudrinic 6th), McElwally 4 (Taylor 8th) - Pate 5, Ellis 6, Bink.

Alex Marshall led Polonia's five goal rout of Buffalo Cup winner Sunshine with a hat-trick at Raleigh Reserve on Sunday.

The scoreline was a huge reversal of the result when these sides met in this year's pre-season Buffalo Cup. In that match Sunshine won 3-0 and turned in a slick, professional performance.

The boot was on the other foot here. Big Marshall was quicker to pounce on the loose ball in the 10th minute after a challenge from John Campbell. The Polonia striker stabbed at the ball with his right foot and poked it past Dennis Massani from about eight metres.

Marshall made it 2-0 later in this half after a bad fumble by Massani. It was a curious goal though because the referee booked Marshall for fouling Massani but still allowed the goal to stand.

Ricky Liparski shot from the right, Massani went down, fumbled and Marshall charged in and shot into the empty net.

Sunshine came out with a vengeance for the start of the second half and had more use of the ball in the opening 20 minutes. Polonia stood firm though, well marshalled by sweeper Stefan Mila.

Brendan Lalic's left foot shot high into the roof of the net from about 12 metres made it 3-0 after 65 minutes.

The break was always on for Polonia with Sunshine pushing forward desperately trying to reduce the huge lead.

Marshall broke clear and made it 4-0 then with two minutes to go Lalic went down the left wing played the ball low to the far post where midfielder Peter Czapnik had the simple task of knocking it in.

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Ajax	11	0	2	32	9	22
Croatia	9	2	2	28	12	20
Hellas-Hak	7	2	4	14	8	16
Polonia	7	1	5	27	21	15
Geo Cross	7	3	4	23	19	15
Croydon	5	5	3	13	10	15
Morwell F.	7	1	5	23	21	15
Juventus	6	2	5	20	18	14
Wilhelmina	5	4	4	19	17	14
Albion R.	2	6	5	17	18	10
Sunshine	2	5	6	9	20	9
Doveton	2	2	6	8	22	6
Frankston	1	4	8	9	26	6
Norwiche	2	1	10	11	32	5

	S' shine v R' wood	Croatia v Falcons	North.C. v Albion	Ajax v Frank.C.	Doves v Juve	Croydon v H-Hak.	Polonia v G. Cross
TIM WHITE	Draw	Croatia	North.C.	Ajax	Draw	Croydon	Polonia
LAURIE SCHWAB	Draw	Croatia	North.C.	Ajax	Juve	Croydon	Polonia
CRAIG MACKENZIE	R' wood	Draw	North.C.	Ajax	Juve	Croydon	Polonia
BILL VOJTEK	S' shine	Croatia	North.C.	Ajax	Juve	Draw	Draw

Wilhelmina win a shock to Croatia

CROATIA 0 RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 1 (Carroll)

CROATIA: Blasby 7 - Curcio 6, Kokacka 7, Adams 6, Perton 6 - Antolovic 5, Murphy 7, Gajovic 6 (Dacic 7th) - Latif 6, Brogan 7, Batinov 6.

WILHELMINA: Barclay 7 - Pasanen 7, de Graaf 8, Luyten 8, Verniers 7 - O'Riley 8 (Burton 7th), Tront 8, Thom 8 (Crozier 8th) - Hoyland 8, Carroll 8, Stewart 7.

Even without regulars Dave Brooks and Dave Gibson, Ringwood Wilhelmina pulled off the shock of the league season so far by downing title challenger Croatia 1-0 at Olympic Park.

Joe Carroll's 15th minute goal was to prove decisive. Former Croatia and Victoria midfielder Joe Tront played a big part in the winning goal. Tront held possession on the left, teasing Joao Antolovic into committing himself. Croatia sweeper Keith Adams came out of the middle to cover Antolovic and Tront cleverly played the ball inside to John Luyten whose first time cross found the net in the clear. Goalkeeper Peter Blasby came out but Carroll sealed the ball in from just inside the area.

Croatia's best chance fell in the 30th minute. Midfielder Ken Barclay sent Dave Brogan through. Wilhelmina keeper

Ken Barclay confronted Brogan who slipped the ball past him but Billy de Graaf had covered well for his keeper and he cleared off the line.

Wilhelmina concentrated on getting men back behind the ball as quickly as possible.

Although Croatia had far more of the ball in the second half it seemed to run out of ideas on the edge of Wilhelmina's area.

And Croatia's policy of taking long shots failed. Experienced Barclay is in great touch at present and most opposing strikers will be hard pressed to beat the big keeper from outside the area.

Croydon leads Ajax in race for Rooney

CROYDON 2 (I. Loughnane, Nolan) JUVENTUS 1 (McGrory)

CROYDON: Edwards 8 - Brown 7, Haupt 8 (Rainey 8th), McCombe 7, Hobson 7 - Corks 8, Dobson 8, Nolan 6 - P. Loughnane 8, Tkachuk 8, Lie (H. Loughnane 6th 7).

JUVENTUS: Clayton 7 - V. Bannon 7, P. Bannon 6, Donaldson 6, Hind 7 - Cunningham 8, Cavallari 7 (Weldon 7th), Swinmore 7 - Henry 5 (Zinni 7th), McGrory 7, Incantapulo 7.

Green Gully Ajax joined Croydon in a race to sign former Soccerco captain Jimmy Rooney from Heidelberg United as we went to Press.

It looked likely that Croydon would win the services of the talented midfielder but it was all up in the air depending on the outcome of a Croydon committee meeting late on Monday night.

Juventus looked the better side for long periods of Sunday's Croydon Park clash. The black and whites played the better possession football but threw away a 1-0 lead in the space of three crucial minutes in the second half.

lucky not to have opened the scoring in the 5th minute but his shot cannoned off the post and into the arms of waiting Croydon keeper Mick Edwards.

Ten minutes into the second half Juve hit the front. Tiziano Cavallari got onto the end of an Incantapulo cross but his shot hit off a defender and fell to Joe McGrory who whacked the ball in from about four metres out.

Croydon substitute Ian Loughnane levelled in the 8th minute with a harmless looking shot which passed through a group of players in front of goal and into the corner of the Juve net.

Three minutes later David Corke and Harry Hird challenged fiercely for the ball which came free to Peter Loughnane. He knocked it early across to the left side of the area and the unmarked Terry Nolan finished off well with a low shot inside the near post.

God Bannon resumes training this week after an injury lay-off but he may have to wait another week before winning back his place in Juve's starting line-up.

Mila moves up

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The best players from each club for last weekend's game were: Doveton v Frankston: Webster (D), Drincovic (P).

Norwiche v Morwell Falcons: Nixon (N), Smart (MF).

George Cross v Hellas-Hakoah: Tachiris (SC), Gray (H-H).

Polonia v Sunshine: Mila (P), McRobert (G).

Croydon v Juventus: Corke (C), Cunningham (J).

Croatia v Ringwood Wilhelmina: Murphy (C), Tront (RW).

Ajax v Albion Rovers: Vassallo (A), Lascoc (AR).

Four players are tied in the lead on 15 votes each. They are Lou Talgaris (ex-Hellas-Hakoah), George Bazilka (Northcote), Paul Drincovic (Frankston) and Stefan Mila (Polonia).

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Steve Lawson
breaks leg

GEORGE CROSS 2 (Rigby 2) HELLAS-HAKOAH 0

GEORGE CROSS: Tachris 8 — Morgan 7, Biluic 7, Lawson 8 (inj. d. Quatro 72nd), Piani 7 — Vella 8 (inj. Wilkinson 47th 7), Rigby 8, McCann 8 — Seent 7, Tol 8, Giller 8.

HELLAS-HAKOAH: Parra 6 — Davidson 7, Kallitakis 7, Hannah 7, Traffants 6 — Bosinovic 8, Owen 7, Wilson 8 (Kalamitakis 82nd), Gray 8 — Abraham 7, Cummings 7.

George Cross's joy at downing Hellas-Hakoah was dampened by news late on Sunday that sweeper Steve Lawson had broken his leg.

The former Slavia defender was carried off in the 72nd minute and taken to hospital where X-rays confirmed that he has a broken fibula in his left leg. He'll be in plaster for at least three weeks and provided the bone knits well he may be able to resume playing within two months.

His loss is a blow to George Cross. Lawson has been one of the club's most consistent performers after joining from Slavia for about \$4,500 earlier this year.

This win against Hellas-Hakoah established Dave Rigby as the leading midfielder scorer in the league. His ability to ghost into the opposition area combined with fine finishing have made him George Cross's leading league scorer this season.

Rigby struck his first telling blow in the 21st minute when he ran through onto a Bobby Toal pass and hammered the ball past Mark Perree from about eight metres.

Ray Pisani headed off the line in the 30th minute and "Rocky" Tachris pulled off a great point blank save from Duan Cummings before Rigby scored his second with six minutes left. Again he had taken up a good position inside the Hellas-Hakoah area.

Goalkeeper Michael Fryszer resumes training with Hellas-Hakoah this week after a cartilage operation earlier this year.

A Stewart Gilmour goal gave Western Suburbs its eighth straight win in First Division.

Suburbs' 1-0 victory over Frankston Pines keeps up its hopes of catching either Fawkner or Box Hill, in first and second spots respectively, in the chase for a place in State League next season.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE

FAWKNER 2 (Schipano, Curcujal) ALTONA GATE 0

FAWKNER: Terzini, Petrov, Gooney, Fattore, Schipano, B. Sabidussi, C. Sabidussi, Mainenti, Curcujal, Tuffield, Boskica.

Altona Gate hit the bar in the first half, but a good positional change by coach Cedo Cirkovic paved the way for Fawkner's victory after the break.

Cirkovic moved Tony Schipano from left back to attack, and shortly afterwards Schipano headed Fawkner into the lead from a cross by Chris Petrov.

Then Ian Tuffield relayed a cross from Bruno Sabidussi to Rajko Curcujal who scored Fawkner's second.

Fawkner meets third-placed Western Suburbs at Jukes Road on Sunday in one of the highlights of the season.

The game pits Cirkovic against his old adversary, Western Suburbs' player-coach Billy Vojtek. They played against each other often while Cirkovic was centre half of U.S.T. and Vojtek played in attack for Croatia.

Fawkner's best: Schipano, Fattore, Mainenti, B. Sabidussi, Gooney.

DONCASTER 0 BOX HILL 4 (Patterson 2, Tolmie, Priestley)

DONCASTER: Debeljuh 5, Tumbikovic 5, Hall 6, Taylor 5, J. Mungie 6, K. Humble 6, Fields 6, Copeland 6, A. Humble 6, Sullivan 79th Barndoll 5, Gow 5.

BOX HILL: Morgan 6, McLeod 6, Roodhouse 8, Lawler 8, Brownlie 7, Hughes 7, Ramsay 7, Tolmie 7, Verachia 7, Patterson 6, Taylor 7, (Priestley 70th).

Box Hill got away to a great start in this match with a scrappy first half during which the 2nd minute Ian Roodhouse made a searching run up the left flank before finding Ray Taylor in space in the left touchline.

The winger's cross was met perfectly by Scott Patterson on the far post, and the visitors were one up.

After this spectacular beginning the game degenerated into a scrappy first half during which the more skilful Box Hill players were subjected to a series of bone crunching tackles. The experienced Doncaster defenders fought desperately to redeem their early mistake.

The second half was a different story as the youthful visitors took command of the situation, and laid siege to the Doncaster penalty area.

In the 59th minute Mike Debeljuh dropped a Tolmie corner, and the alert Patterson was on hand to capitalise on the mistake, and five minutes later Tolmie himself scored the visitors third goal. Patterson was fouled on the left touchline, and the Box Hill free kick specialist curled a forty yarder just inside the far post completely deceiving the Doncaster custodian.

In the 76th minute Paul Priestly who had replaced Taylor clashed with Andy Humble which resulted in the latter being carried off the field to be replaced by Steve Sullivan. A small fracas developed after this incident and Keith Humble received his marching orders for alleged retaliation.

Priestley whose strength and determination had caused all sorts of problems to the wary Doncaster defence was to score his first senior goal for Box Hill and the final goal of the match when in the 83rd minute he fastened onto a through ball from Verechia, rounded Debeljuh and slotted the ball into the empty net from an oblique angle.

KEILOR AUSTRIA 0 KEW CITY 1 (Dall)

AUSTRIA: Dimitrakakis 9, Scarlett 8, Berron 7, Gennel 8, B. Dicoma 66th, Small 6, J. Lopez 6, Kizias 6 (Ticla 66th), Semmut 8, Beattie 6, Bell 7, Latif 8.



Stewart Gilmour

NEW: Lukac 8, Ogden 7, Lynness 8, Walsh 8, Stewart 8, Parsons 7, McCarthy 8, Petrov 8, Dall 8, Macleod 8, Williams 7.

Kew dominated for long periods in a very entertaining game.

The visitors got off to a flying start in the 2nd minute when Frank Macleod, playing up front, backheeled on the left to Williams whose first time ball sent Dall clear. He kept his head and slotted past the advancing Austria keeper.

Kew played probably its best game of the league season but was unable to finish off many chances.

Macleod sent Parsons through but the Austria keeper guessed right, diving down to save at the feet of Kew's midfielder.

Austria's best chance left to Beattie after a goalmouth scramble but he lobbed fractionally over.

Danny McCluskey will be back from suspension this week so Kew is looking for some good results over the next few games.

DIVISION TWO ARDEER 0 BROADMEADOWS CITY 1 (Zuanetti)

ARDEER: Darch, J. Christodoulas, Blichasz, Kuczynski, Czernowski, Tzavoulidis, Orenbeld, Gemanaki, Dykun, N. Christodoulas, Saliba, Di Benedetto, Bonucinski, Kotlaga.

BROADMEADOWS CITY: D. Pace, Jones, Acosta, Sandra, Vizi, N. Sacco, Addy, De Sa, Sculuna, Penzo, Vaccaro, Moore, Zuanetti, N. Pace.

BEST PLAYERS — Ardeer: Kuczynski, Blichasz, J. Christodoulas, Broadmeadows City: Sacco, Penzo, Sandra.

Broadmeadows City justified their position on the league ladder with a powerful display of soccer characterised by fierce tackling.

For most of the day the ball was in Ardeer's defence, with Kuczynski, Blichasz, John Christodoulas, (Zernecki and keeper Darch defending stoutly.

Ardeer's best chance to score came in the 50th minute when John Saliba neatly beat the keeper with his shot which just clipped the crossbar and then rebounded to "Nifty" Christodoulas who failed to put it away.

In the 75th minute, a fierce shot by a 'Broadie' striker was deflected by keeper Darch and

Selections

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE

Saturday: BOX HILL v Altona City; Koon City v Altona City (drew); FRANKSTON PINES v Ball Park Sunday; FAWKNER v Western Suburbs; Merriwell v Richmond (drew); Slavia v KEOUR AUSTRIA; DONCASTER v Kew City.

DIVISION TWO

Saturday: Preston Mahoning v DANDENONG CITY; MELBOURNE v Ardeer; BROADMEADOWS v Springvale City; HEDDLBERG ALEXANDER v Heidelberg Gardens; ST. KILANS DINAMIT v St. Mark Marston; RINGWOOD UTS SERBIA v Footscray J.U.S.T.; WEBBIE v Mowbray City.

DIVISION THREE

Saturday: Coburg v ELTHAM; Port Melbourne v THOMASTOWN; Corio v PRAHRAN; NTH DANDENONG v Mornington; Brighton v Royal Richmond (drew); YALLOURN v Surlay Utd; Kynabrough v MURAWADING CITY.

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday: Cheltenham v HANLEY RANGERS (drew); MOORABBIN v Maresb Utd; Essendon Triestina v Sandringham City (drew); CAULFIELD v Nth Geelong; ROSEBUD v South Oakleigh; MURDOCK PARK v Farnore Gully; GREENSBOROUGH v Geelong.

PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE

Saturday: Carlton v MELTON; East Brunswick v Belmont (drew); BAYTON v Kargal Utd; LANGWARRIN v Newkham; LAURUT Utd v Shepparton City; South Yarra v HAWTHORNE; ROSANNA v Nunningwood Utd.

DIVISION TWO

Saturday: Clifton Hill v YARRAVILLE; MALVERN CITY v Ryeview; Moss Utd v BULLEEN; CENTRAL CITY v BUNNICK; ROSKINA v West Melbourne; MORIALLOC v Chesham; Kynabrough v ABBOTSDORF TASSA.

DIVISION THREE

Saturday: CHELTENHAM v Maresb; STH DANDENONG v Maresb Pines; UNI OF MELB v St. Albans; HAMILTON v DANDENONG; West Brunswick v ALTONA Utd v West Geelong; DALLAS CITY v Brunswick City; Bunley v CLARENDON.

DIVISION FOUR

Saturday: Nth Melbourne v VERMONT; East Carlton v PASCOE VALE; HOLLAND PARK v Springvale Utd; Nth Soreley v PORT Utd; East Utd v Barmah Leath (drew); MURRUMBIDGERA v Mooroolbark; Dingley v SEAFORD UTD.

AMATEUR LEAGUE

Sunday: Meadow Park v Latrobe Utd (drew); How Utd v POSTEL INSTITUTE; LYNGADE Utd v Belmont; Melbourne City v BUNDOORA; Mordialloc Utd v PARKMORE; Essendon Hills v MACCABI HANRAH; Balmby City v CHASTONTE.

DIVISION TWO

Sunday: KNOXING SANDERS v Vessall; WEST Utd v St. Bernard; MULGRAVE v Nth Park; Concordia v Bays (drew); EPPING THISTLE v Diamond Creek; Waverley Utd v GEELONG Utd; RAFF Melbourne v Royal Mel. Institute.

YOUTH LEAGUE

Sunday: South Yarra v FRANKSTON PINES; CROYDON v Springvale Utd.

NORTH WEST

Sunday: GREENSBOROUGH v Melbourne Croatia (kick off 10.30); HELLAS-HAKOAH v FAWKNER; Mooroolbark v JUVENTUS; THOMASTOWN v Brighton.

DIVISION THREE

SUNBURY UTD 0 NUNAWADING CITY 2 (Gusic, Henkel)

SUNBURY: Grech, Gray, Duncan, Clarke, Blackley, Evans, Campbell, Train, Molloy, Thompson, Stewart, Suba — Roberts, Maric, McCordquod.

NUNAWADING — Van Egmond, Snr, Moyle, West, Gusic, Brown, Horner, Mullert, Owen, Pahlina, Van Edmond Jr, Henkel, Suba — Toplek, Mullert, Fousham.

Best Players (three from each team): Sunbury: Campbell, Duncan, Gray, Nunawading: Moyle, Mullert, West.

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Nixon starts well, Mitten strikes

NORTHCOTE 2 (Wright, McCurdy) MORWELL FALCONS 4 (Mitten 2, McClunio, Bond)

NORTHCOTE: Kardamitis 6 — Boskic 7, Provan 6, Lutton 7, Fakos 6 — Nelson 7, Patsiotis 6 — Constantinou 6 (Glavitsia 60th 6), Smart 7, Liccardi 6 (Nelson 88th).

FALCONS: White 7 — McCurdy 8, Higham 8, Irvine 7, Naals 8 — Blingham 7, Daniels 7, O'Callaghan 7 — McClunio 7 (inj. T. van Baar 85th), Mitten 8, Bond 8.

A fine debut for Northcote by former Infield midfielder David Nixon and two goals by ex-Elre youth international Noel Mitten highlighted an entertaining six goal clash at John Cain Reserve.

Visitor Morwell Falcons met the front after 10 minutes when Mitten crossed from the left to former Swindown Town player John Bond. He chested down, turned and slotted the ball into the bottom far corner.

Former Northern Ireland international Colin McCurdy made his debut for Northcote but didn't get good support. The Northerners seemed content to play on the break.

This well paid dividend was Falcons mid-fielders were caught forward and Sammy

Changes beat Lacock

AJAX 2 (Paul Lewis, Macleod penalty) ALBION ROVERS 1 (Coyle)

AJAX: Danyis 8 — Peter Lewis 7, Gardiner 7, Cannon 7, Hughes 7 (Smadison 75th), Vassallo 8, Williams 7 — Macleod 7, Paul Lewis 6, Murray 6 (Greenham 65th).

ALBION: Lacock 9 — Cud 7, A. McMillan 8, Cronay 8, Miskat 8 — Farris 8, Reilly 7, Murphy 6 — Coyle 6, S. McMillan 7, Suter 7.

Two goals in the last nine minutes from league leader Ajax and a superb goalkeeping display from Albion's Danny Lacock highlighted a nail biting finish at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday.

Albion showed great competitive qualities while Lacock pulled off a series of spectacular saves.

The visitors were first to the ball in the first half and took a deserved lead in the 10th minute when Kieron Coyle nipped inside Peter Lewis to head home a far-post cross.

It was a different Ajax which came out for the second half. The green and whites showed a lot of character to hit back after a poor first half display but it looked likely that

TUTTIL SENT OFF

DOVETON 1 (Quin) FRANKSTON CITY 1 (Drinoczky)

DOVETON: Ivanoff 7 — Waite 6, Thurlow 7, Nulul 7 (Waterhouse 80th), K. Middlemas 7 — McIvor 7, Andrews 7, Train 7 — Spinks 7, Webster 8, Quinn 7.

FRANKSTON: Peterson 8 — Pye 8, Drinoczky 8, Tuttil 6 (sent off 40th), Wright 7 — Ormond 7, C. Whitehead 7, Mitchell 7, Reader 7 — Buchanan 7, Stewart 7.

Frankston City fought back with only 10 men from a one goal deficit to snatch an important away point in its fight to push clear of the relegation zone.

Home side Doveton, like Frankston anxious to push clear of the bottom two places in the league table, took a 1-0 lead after 38 minutes.

Winger Alan Quin shot from about 20 metres out and keeper Frank Peterson completely misjudged the flight of the ball. The Frankston Custodian made no attempt to save as the ball sailed into the back of his net.

Two minutes later the Baysiders backs were facing and truly facing the wall when sweeper Graham Tuttil was sent off.

Tuttil had been booked earlier and referee Upjohn flashed the red card at the Frankston player after Doveton's Stan Webster was fouled.

Right back David Pye switched to cover for Tuttil and young Eddie Ormond dropped back from midfield to right back. At half time coach Harry Chalkitis decided to use only two in midfield, Cliff Whitehead and Colin Mitchell, with three up front.

It was a gamble which paid off in the 77th minute when Paul Drinoczky headed in Robbie Stewart's corner.

The game developed into real end-to-end stuff.

The Doves went close when Pye's back header almost ended up in an own goal but Peterson reacted well and pulled off a fine save.

Right on the stroke of full time Ormond ran through onto Bill Buchanan's pass but Lou Ivanoff pulled off a spectacular save to fingertip wide a fine drive from the Frankston youngster.



The Central Region under-12 squad which contested the Victorian regional trial earlier this year consisted of P. Kalogeros, S. McLean, L. Moroos, L. Davies, K. Hoffer, A. Goutziropoulos, S. Zaphiropoulos, B. Bothwell, N. Eastwood, C. Kloutropoulos, M. Dimitrakopoulos, G. Giannopoulos, M. Tapai, C. Lutton, G. Kristoulos, C. Tsoukos, S. McLean (coach).

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